Syllabus for “A Clash of Civilizations[?]”
For Doane College-Lincoln
Text/Primary Reading: *Faith, Reason, and The War Against Jihadism*

Sunday: 1-3 p.m.
Introduction and perspective on the course; Outline of Samuel Huntington's thesis
Discussion

Sunday: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Film: “The Arab World: Arabs and the West” (PBS Frontline)

Sunday: 4:45 – 6 p.m.
Historical overview of conflicts between Islamic and Western civilization; early Muslim conquests and western response; western interpretations of Islamic ascendency.

Sunday: 6:15 – 7 p.m. Discussion and inventory of student questions/concerns
(Reading: Weigel, pp. 2-50)

Monday: 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Intellectual/spiritual streams of Western Civilization
7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Key concepts in the Islamic worldview
8:45 – 9:30 P.M. Discussion (Reading: Weigel, pp. 51-73)

Tuesday: 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Film: “Jerusalem: Center of the World Pt.1”
7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Major groups and sects of Islam (Sunni, Shi'ite, Sufi, Wahhabi, Salafi movements)
8:45 – 9:45 p.m. Author orientations: writing about the West and Islam
(summarization and commentary on sources for independent study/reading).

Wednesday: 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Film: “Jerusalem: Center of the World Pt. 2”
7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Critiques of Western Civilization from within
Consideration of the thought of Friedrich Nietzsche, Walter Laqueur, George Weigel, Neil Postman, and others.
9:15 – 9:45 – Discussion (Reading: Weigel, pp. 77-106)

Thursday: 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Western concepts of law contrasted to Shar’ia
7:30 – 8:15 p.m. Film: “Jihad in America”
8:30 – 9:15 p.m. The Islamic “Golden Age” and the western “Dark Ages” Considered
9:15 – 9:45 – Discussion

Friday: 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Film: “Paradise Now”
Discussion of film following
Open discussion of any topic addressed so far in course
(Reading: Weigel, 109-146)
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Background of the Muslim Brotherhood; Discussion of An Explanatory Memorandum for the Group in North America.

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Film: Jihad in America
11:35 – Noon — Discussion

12 noon — 1 p.m. L U N C H B R E A K

1 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. — Instructor Presentation: “Does Israel Matter?”

2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. — Apocalyptic Scenarios and Their Influence: a presentation concerning eschatological beliefs in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.