History 3341 Britain to 1688

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This course explores over 1600 years of English history, from the coming of the Romans to the Glorious Revolution. It focuses on the major political events and social changes that shaped the development of the English people and their neighbors. Subjects discussed include the successive invasions of the island, feudalism, the Black Death, dynastic struggle, the English Reformation, the “Tudor Revolution in Government,” the reign of Elizabeth I, the English Civil War and Interregnum, and the Glorious Revolution

Learning Outcomes

Students in this class will demonstrate content knowledge of British and Irish history, analyze primary and secondary sources for their historical content and interpretations, and demonstrate writing skills that reflect persuasive historical arguments based on evidence and proper citation.

Class participation is an integral part of this class. Read the complete assignment and be prepared to discuss it in class.

Grade: Your grade in this course will be based on two exams (45%), three essays on assigned topics (45%), and class participation (10%). Exam and paper due dates are noted below. I do not accept late or electronically submitted papers.

Required Reading:

Roberts, Roberts, Bisson, A History of England (text)
Seamus Heaney (transl.), Beowulf (Norton Critical Edition)
Barbara Hanawalt, The Ties that Bound: Peasant Families in Medieval England
Christopher Hill, The World Turned Upside Down: Radical Ideas During the English Revolution
Primary Documents Online

Statement on Plagiarism

Please note that anyone committing plagiarism in any written assignment will earn an F for the course and may face further disciplinary action. Plagiarism is defined in the University of West Georgia Handbook as “representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own. Direct quotations must be indicated and ideas of another must be appropriately acknowledged.” Please see the
UWG’s History Department statement on plagiarism at https://www.westga.edu/academics/coah/history/plagiarism-statement.php.

Students, please carefully review the following information. It contains important material pertaining to your rights and responsibilities in this class. Because these statements are updated as federal, state, and university accreditation standards change, you should review the information each semester.

**Course Schedule and Assignments:**

**Week 1** (Aug. 16)
Introduction: England, the English, and their History / Celts and Romans

Reading: Text, 1-33

**Week 2** (Aug. 21-23)
Anglo-Saxons

Reading: Text, 34-66; Heaney, entire Book
Documents: The Laws of King Alfred, 871-901 A.D (see also Glossary at bottom of page)

**Week 3** (Aug 28-30)
Vikings and Normans

Reading: Text, 67-92

**Week 4** (Sept. 4-6)
High-Medieval England

Reading: Text, 93-121
Documents: Gerald of Wales, The History and Topography of Ireland (hand-out); Magna Carta

**Week 5** (Sept. 11-13)
Henry III to Edward III

Reading: Text, 122-172
Document: The Good Parliament of 1376

**Paper #1 Due Sept. 13**

**Week 6** (Sept. 18-20)
The Late Middle Ages
Reading: Text 174-190; Hanawalt, entire book
Documents: English Peasants’ Revolt, 1381; The Condemnation of Wycliffe (1382) and Wycliffe’s Reply (1384)

Week 7 (Sept. 25-27)
The Wars of the Roses
Reading: Text, 191-215
Document: Jack Cade, Proclamation of Grievances (1450)

Week 8 (Oct. 2)
Mid-term

Oct. 4 – Fall Break, No Class

Week 9 (Oct. 9-11)
From Yorkists to Tudors
Reading: Text, 216-238

Week 10 (Oct. 16-18)
The Reformation
Reading: Text, 239-268
Documents: The Act of Supremacy (1534); The Pilgrimage of Grace

Week 11 (Oct. 23-25)
Henry VIII
Reading: Text, 269-286
Document: The Fall of Cardinal Wolsey

Week 12 (Oct. 30-Nov. 1)
Mid-Tudor Britain
Documents: Mary’s Speech at the Guildhall; The Execution of Thomas Cranmer

Week 13 (Nov. 6-8)
Elizabeth I
Reading: Text, 287-325

Paper #2 Due Nov. 6
Week 14 (Nov. 13-15)
The Stuarts

Reading: Text, 326-364
Documents: James I, True Law of Free Monarchies; The Petition of Right

Nov. 20-22 Thanksgiving Break – No Class

Week 15 (Nov. 27-29)
The Interregnum

Reading: Text, 364-379; Hill, entire book
Documents: Putney Debates; Agreement of the People

Paper #3 Due Nov. 29

Week 16 (Dec. 4-6)
The Restoration and Glorious Revolution

Reading: Text, 380-407
Document: The Bill of Rights

Final Exam – In Class, Thursday Dec. 6