

History 205

History of England to 1688

Spring, 2008

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course traces the history of England from Roman times to the achievement of political and economic stability in the early eighteenth century. As befits a survey, the course will examine political, social, economic, and cultural changes over time, emphasizing those developments which help explain the distinctiveness of English culture - the Anglo-Saxon and Norman conquests, the emergence of common law, the rise of parliament, the Reformation and its "Puritan" offshoot, and the political "revolutions" of the seventeenth century. The course will also examine the lives of ordinary Englishmen and women in the medieval and early modern periods. The course will be taught with a combination of lecture and discussion.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students will be expected to attend class regularly. Having more than three unexcused absences may negatively affect one's grade.

Students will be expected to participate in class discussion.

Students will be expected to do the assigned readings.

Students will write three out of class papers, each approximately three to six pages in length.

Students will take an in class exam on Barbara Hanawalt's book, Growing Up in Medieval London.

Students will take an in class midterm examination and an in class final examination. Both exams will be entirely essay in nature.

Students will be expected to be familiar with and abide by the Rhodes Honor Code.

GRADING:

A student's final grade will be determined according to the following formula.

Out of Class Assignments	30% (10% each)
Class Discussion	10%
Exam on Hanawalt book	10%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	30%

REQUIRED BOOKS:

Kenneth Morgan, ed. The Oxford History of Britain

R. C. Van Caenegem, The Birth of the English Common Law

Eamon Duffy, The Voices of Morebath

Barbara Hanawalt, Growing Up in Medieval London

Susan Amussen, An Ordered Society

There will be some additional assigned reading from the Internet and from handouts.

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Course Calendar

Jan. 9	Introduction to Course
Jan. 11	English Geography and Roman Britain, (Morgan, 1-34)
Jan. 14	Anglo-Saxon Invasions and Settlements (Morgan, 34-69)
Jan. 16	Anglo-Saxon Society and Institutions (Morgan, 69-90)
Jan. 18	Anglo-Saxon Law
Jan. 23	Danish and Norman Conquests (Morgan, 90-119)
Jan. 25	Effects of Norman Conquest on English Society (Morgan, 120-127;)
Jan. 28	English Feudalism (Morgan, 127-159)
Jan. 30	English Feudalism (Morgan, 159-175; Van Caenegem, Chap. I)
Feb. 1	Origins of Common Law (Van Caenegem, Chaps. II and III)
Feb. 4	Evolution of Common Law (Van Caenegem, Chap. IV)
Feb. 6	MAGNA CARTA PAPER DUE (Documents from Internet)
Feb. 8	Church-State Relations and the Becket Affair (Morgan, 176-191; Hanawalt, 3-21)
Feb. 11	The Long Reign of Henry III (Hanawalt, 23-67)
Feb. 13	Life on the Medieval Manor (Hanawalt, 69-107)
Feb. 15	Life on the Medieval Manor (Hanawalt, 109-153)
Feb. 18	Life in the Medieval Town (Hanawalt, 155-198)
Feb. 20	EXAM ON HANAWALT BOOK (Hanawalt, 199-222)
Feb. 22	A Greater Britain? Scotland, Ireland, and Wales (Morgan, 192-208)
Feb. 25	The Decline of Feudalism
Feb. 27	MIDTERM EXAM
Feb. 29	The Emergence of Parliament
Mar. 10	The Great Plague and the Decline of the Manor (Morgan, 208-19; Duffy, 1-16)
Mar. 12	The Church and Religion in Late Medieval England (Duffy, 17-46)
Mar. 14	Bastard Feudalism and the Decline of Monarchical Authority (Morgan, 237-256; Duffy, 47-64)
Mar. 17	The Coming of the Tudors and the Revival on Monarchical Authority (Morgan, 265-93)
Mar. 19	Henry VIII and the Break with Rome (Duffy, 65-83)
Mar. 24	The Many Turns of the English Reformation: Edward VI, Mary, and Elizabeth (Morgan, 293-301; Duffy, 84-110)
Mar. 26	Anglicans, Puritans, and Catholics (Duffy, 111-151)
Mar. 28	The Rise of Puritanism (Duffy, 152-196); PAPER ON DUFFY BOOK DUE
Mar. 31	Inflation and Tudor Social Policy (Morgan, 257-265)
Apr. 2	Elizabethan Foreign Policy (Morgan, 301-326)
Apr. 4	Parliament From Elizabeth to Charles I (Morgan, 341-363)
Apr. 7	The Personal Rule of Charles I (Amussen, 1-33)
Apr. 9	The Civil War ((Morgan, 363-72)
Apr. 11	The Years Without a King (Morgan, 372-376)
Apr. 14	The Restoration and the Reign of Charles II (Amussen, 35-66)

- Apr. 16 The "Glorious" Revolution and its Aftermath (Morgan, 399-408; Amussen, 67-95)
- Apr. 18 Economic Revival and Overseas Expansion (Amussen, 96-134)
- Apr. 21 Women and the Family in Pre-industrial England (Amussen, 135-180)
- Apr. 23 Women and the Family in Pre-Industrial England (Amussen, 181-190) **PAPER**
- ON AMUSSEN BOOK DUE**
- Apr. 25 England at the End of the 17th Century (Morgan, 390-409)