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Course Outcome

HIST 3331 - History of Modern Britain

Learning Outcome

Students are able to have a full grip of modern British history after this course. They will be able to express ideas clearly and to analyze information and to critique differing viewpoints by the end of this course. With the knowledge of modern British history and the development of the British Empire, students are able to understand the globalization in the beginning of the century, which enhances their values of Global Citizenship in the modern time.

Course Syllabus

1. Introduction – Victorian Britain
2. War and Empire
3. Gladstone and Disraeli- British High Imperialism
4. The Great War
5. National Government and the Great Depression
6. Totalitarianism and Appeasement
7. Churchill and WWII
8. Swinging London and the 60s
9. Commonwealth and the Cold War
10. The Road to Welfare State
11. Irish Question
12. From Thatcher to Blair
13. Contemporary Britain: Who are the British?

Assessment Type

	Assessment Type	Current Percent
1	Essays	40
2	Homework or assignment	30
3	Others	30

Feedback for Evaluation

- Tailored questionnaire
- Visiting Committee report
- Reflection of teachers

Required Readings

Lecture 1: Introduction – Victorian Britain

Walter L. Arnstein, Chapter 2: "The Railway Age," 18-29, in *Britain Yesterday and Today: 1830 to the Present*, (Lexington, MA: D. C. Heath and Company, 1988); W. J. Reader, Chapter 1: "The Victorian Setting," in *Life in Victorian England*, (London: William Clowes and Sons, Limited, 1964): 1-16.

Lecture 2: War and Empire

John F.Richards, "Opium and the British Indian Empire: The Royal Commission of 1895", *Modern Asian Studies* 36:2 (2002): 375-420.

Lecture 3: Gladstone and Disraeli- British High Imperialism

Walter L. Arnstein, Chapter 8: "Disraeli and Gladstone," in *Britain Yesterday and Today: 1830 to the Present*: 127-15.

Lecture 4: The Great War

Walter L. Arnstein, Chapter 14, "Britain and World War I," in *Britain Yesterday and Today: 1830 to the Present*: 246-262.

Lecture 5: National Government and the Great Depression

Walter L. Arnstein, Chapter 16: "The False Dawn and the Great Depression," in *Britain Yesterday and Today: 1830 to the Present*: 285-305.

Lecture 6: Totalitarianism and Appeasement

Walter L. Arnstein, Chapter 17: "The Storm Gathers Anew," in *Britain Yesterday and Today: 1830 to the Present*: 306-318.

Lecture 7: Churchill and WWII

Walter L. Arnstein, Chapter 18, "The Age of Churchill," in *Britain Yesterday and Today: 1830 to the Present*: 319-339.

Lecture 8: Swinging London and the 60s

Walter L. Arnstein, Chapter 20, "The Decline of Empire and the Mood of the 1960s," in *Britain Yesterday and Today: 1830 to the Present*: 367-393.

Lecture 9: Commonwealth and the Cold War

Kenneth Morgan, *The people's peace: British history 1945-1989*, (Oxford, 1990): 197-239.

Lecture 10: The Road to Welfare State

"Social Insurance and Allied Services Report" by Sir William Beveridge, Presented to Parliament by Command of His Majesty November 1942.

Lecture 11: Irish Question

Niall Ó Dochartaigh, "Northern Ireland since 1920" in R. Bourke and I. McBride (eds.) *The Princeton history of modern Ireland*, (Princeton, 2016): 141-167.

Lecture 12: From Thatcher to Blair

Rebecca Fraser, "The Sick Man of Europe" and "The Thatcher Legacy," in *A People's History of Britain*, (London: Chatto & Windus, 2003): 744-785.

Recommended Readings

1. Archer, Ellis, *A history of modern Britain: 1714 to the present*, Chichester, 2010.
2. Brendon, P., *The decline and fall of the British Empire, 1781-1997*, London, 2007.
3. Bourke, R and McBride, I., (eds.) *The Princeton history of modern Ireland*, Princeton, 2016.
4. Burrell, Kathy, *Polish migration to the UK in the 'new' European Union: after 2004*, Burlington, 2009.
5. Child, D., *Britain since 1945: A political history*, Oxon, 2012.
6. Edwards, D. and Cromwell, D., *Newspeak in the 21st century*, London, 2009.
7. Edward. R., *Modern Britain: a social history, 1750-2011*, London, 2012.
8. Fowler, David., *Youth culture in modern Britain, c.1920-c.1970 : from ivory tower to global movement - a new history*, New York, 2008
9. Fox, K., *Watching the English*, London, 2004.
10. Ferguson, Niall, *Empire: How Britain Made the Modern World*, London, 2003
11. George Boyce, D., *Decolonisation and the British Empire, 1775-1997*, New York, 1999.
12. Hallam, E and Prescott, A., (eds.) *The British inheritance: a treasury of historic documents*, Berkeley, c1999.
13. Himmelfarb, G., *The De-moralization Of Society: From Victorian Virtues to Modern Values*, London, 1996.
14. Johnson, R., *British imperialism*, New York : Palgrave Macmillan, 2003.
15. Lynn, Martin (ed.), *The British Empire in the 1950s: retreat or revival?*, New York, 2006.
16. Marr, Andrew, *The making of modern Britain: from Queen Victoria to VE Day*, London, 2010.
17. Marshall, P. J., (ed.), *The Cambridge illustrated history of the British Empire*, New York, 1996.
18. Morgan, K., *The people's peace: British history 1945-1989*, Oxford, 1990.
19. Pitcher, B., *The politics of multiculturalism: race and racism in contemporary Britain*, Basingstoke, 2009.
20. Rogaly, B., *Moving histories of class and community; Identity, place and belonging in contemporary England*, Basingstoke, Palgrave Royle, Macmillan, 2011.
21. Salter, R., *Peel, Gladstone and Disraeli*, Basingstoke, 1991.
22. Storry, M and Childs, P., (eds.) *British Cultural Identities*, Oxon, 2013.
23. Thane, P (ed.), *Unequal Britain: equalities in Britain since 1945*, London, 2010.