Britain from 1815-1914 History 3035

Week 1 January 12 & 14

Introduction

Political and Social Structure after 1689

Read Webb: chapters 1-2

Week 2 January 19 & 22

Industrial Revolution

From Peterloo to the first Great Reform Bill (1832)

Read Webb: chapters 3-4

Begin Hard Times by Charles Dickens

Week 3 January 26 & 28

Chartism

Irish Potato Famine

Read Webb: chapters 5-6

Week 4 February 2 & 4

The Mid-Victorian Ethos

Discussion

Read Webb: chapter 7

Begin *Victorian People* by Asa Briggs Finish *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens

Week 5 February 9 & 11

The second Great Reform Bill (1867)

Gladstone vs. Disraeli

Read Webb: chapter 8

Finish Victorian People by Asa Briggs,

Week 6 February 16 & 18

Economic and political roots of British Imperialism

Gladstone's bondage in Egypt

Week 7 February 23 & 25

Rise and fall of the Home Rule Movement

The Chamberlain Factor

Read Webb: chapter 9

Week 8 March 2 & 4

Discussion

Midterm Exam

Read Webb: chapter 10

Week 9 March 9 & 11

Re-emergence of Socialism

The 'New Unionism' and the ILP

Begin London 1900 by Jonathan Schneer

Week 10 March 16 & 18

Boer war

London the Imperial Metropolis

Finish London 1900 by Jonathan Schneer

Week 11 March 23 & 25

SPRING BREAK

Week 12 March 30 & April 1

Origins of the Labour Party

Liberalism at the penultimate stage

Begin Strange Death of Liberal England by George Dangerfield

Term paper due

Week 13 April 6 & 8

The Edwardian Ethos Discussion

The Great Unrest (I)

Week 14 April 13 & 15

The Great Unrest (II)

Origins of Word War I

Week 15 April 20 & 22

Discussion

Conclusions

Finish Strange Death of Liberal England by George Dangerfield

Read Webb: chapter 11

Week 16 April 27 & 29

Review

Books:

Charles Dickens Hard Times
Asa Briggs Victorian People

George Dangerfield The Strange Death of Liberal England

R.K. Webb *Modern England*

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to attend class.

There will be an in-class midterm exam on Thursday February 26

The term paper is due on Thursday March 26.

A final exam will be given during exam week.

All students are expected to adhere scrupulously to the Georgia Tech Honor Code.

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