

A Visual Survey of British and American Culture

Weekly Schedule for Class 1 & 2 in Term 1, 2024-25.

Cultural Topics		Week	Arrangements and Assignments
General Introduction		Week 1 (Sep. 10)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. A brief introduction of the course 2. A panoramic view of the U.K.
			<u>After-Class Assignment</u> Watching the related video (some alternatives available on PKU network disk)
		Week 2	Mid-autumn Day
		Week 3 (Sep. 24)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. A brief introduction of course tasks 2. A general survey of the U.S.A.
<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Watching the related video (some alternatives available on PKU network disk) 2. Preview of “British Royal Family” for the coming in-class quiz 3. Preparation for Pre on “British Royal Family”, if your turn 4. Preparation for the discussion of “The King’s Speech” (2010)			
	Royal Family	Week 4	National Day
		Week 5 (Oct. 8)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. In-class quiz about “British Royal Family” 3. Discussion of “The King’s Speech” (2010)
			<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “British Social Stratification” for the coming in-class quiz 2. Preparation for Pre on “British Social Stratification”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of “Downton Abbey S01E01” (2010)
	Social		<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Morning quiz about “British Social Stratification” 3. Discussion of “Downton Abbey S01E01” (2010)

British Culture	Stratification	Week 6 (Oct. 15)	<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “British Political System” for the coming in-class quiz 2. Preparation for Pre on “British Political System”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of “Yes, Minister S01E01” (1980)
	Political System	Week 7 (Oct. 22)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Morning quiz about “British Political System” 3. Discussion of “Yes, Minister S01E01” (1980)
			<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “British Literary Classics” for the coming in-class quiz 2. Preparation for Pre on “British Literary Classics”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of “Jane Eyre” (2011)
	Literary Classics	Week 8 (Oct. 29)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Morning quiz about “British Literary Classics” 3. Discussion of “Jane Eyre” (2011)
			<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “British Pastoralism” for the coming in-class quiz 2. Preparation for Pre on “British Pastoralism”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of pastoral literature
	Pastoralism	Week 9 (Nov. 5)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Discussion of pastoral literature
			<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “British Gentility and Humour” for the coming in-class quiz 2. Preparation for Pre on “British Gentility and Humour”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of “Four Weddings and a Funeral” (1994)
	Gentility and Homour	Week 10 (Nov. 12)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Morning quiz about “ British Pastoralism ” & “ British Gentility and Humour ” 3. Discussion of “Four Weddings and a Funeral” (1994)
			<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “American Individualism and Heroism” for the coming in-class quiz

			2. Preparation for Pre on “American Individualism and Heroism”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of “Air Force One” (1997) 4. Group I handing in Pro by Nov. 17
American Culture	Individualism and Heroism	Week 11 (Nov. 19)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Discussion of “Air Force One” (1997)
			<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “American Dream” for the coming in-class quiz 2. Preparation for Pre on “American Dream”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of “Forrest Gump” (1994) 4. Group II handing in Pro by Nov. 24
	American Dream	Week 12 (Nov. 26)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Morning quiz about “ American Individualism and Heroism ” & “ American Dream ” 3. Discussion of “Forrest Gump” (1994)
			<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “American Political System” for the coming in-class quiz 2. Preparation for Pre on “American Political System”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of “House of Cards S01E01” (2013) 4. Group III handing in Pro by Dec. 1
	Political System	Week 13 (Dec. 3)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Morning quiz about “American Political System” 3. Discussion of “House of Cards S01E01” (2013)
			<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “American Racial Issues” for the coming in-class quiz 2. Preparation for Pre on “American Racial Issues”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of “Crash” (2004) 4. Group IV handing in Pro by Dec. 8
	Racial Issues	Week 14 (Dec. 10)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Morning quiz about “American Racial Issues” 3. Discussion of “Crash” (2004)
			<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “American Education System” for the coming in-class quiz

			2. Preparation for Pre on “American Education System”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of “Accepted” (2006)
	Education System	Week 15 (Dec. 17)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Morning quiz about “American Education” 3. Discussion of “Accepted” (2006)
			<u>After-Class Assignments</u> 1. Preview of “American Film Industry” for the coming in-class quiz 2. Preparation for Pre on “American Film Industry”, if your turn 3. Preparation for the discussion of American films
	Film Industry	Week 16 (Dec. 24)	<u>In-Class Arrangements</u> 1. Class presentations 2. Morning quiz about “American Film Industry” 3. Discussion of American films
			<u>After-Class Assignment</u> Handing in Final by 23:59, Dec. 29 on Bb