HIST 3422: Britain in the Modern Era

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The aim of this course is to chart British history - social, cultural, political and economic - from the beginning of the nineteenth century until the mid-twentieth century. This is a fascinating period where Britain changes from being an agricultural society run by a wealthy social elite to a modern industrial democracy. We will examine those changes – how and why they happen – in this course.

Course Outline

- Britain after Napoleon
- The era of Lord Liverpool: from reaction to reform
- The Liberal Tories
- Parliamentary reform: the Great Reform Act
- The Whig reforms
- Chartism
- The political system after the Great Reform Act
- Sir Robert Peel
- The Great Rivals: William E. Gladstone and Benjamin Disraeli
- The origins and causes of industrial and agricultural decline
- The rise of the Labour party
- Liberals, Lords and Ladies: the Liberal reforms of the early 20th century, constitutional reform and the campaign for Votes for Women
- Britain between the wars – post war political and economic dislocation
- Britain between the wars – the General Strike, impact of the Stock Market Crash and formation of the National Government
- The plans for a post-war welfare state (the Beveridge Report)
- The Attlee governments: the creation of the welfare state

The course requires each student to complete a comprehension exercise and an essay both of which constitutes 50 per cent of the overall mark. The remaining 50 per cent will be assessed on the basis of an examination.
Further reading and research list

Wroxton College Library and Online Sources
There is an almost infinite range of online sources to consult in your wider reading and research for this course. Here is a list of websites I find useful, but it is by no means a definitive or exhaustive list.

https://www.bl.uk/ The British Library

https://www.gov.uk/government/history/past-prime-ministers The British government’s website with interesting biographical information about past British Prime Ministers

https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/ The British Parliament’s website also has a lot of useful information, some of which can be accessed here

https://spartacus-educational.com/ A massive history education website. You can input quite specific terminology into the search engine. Full of rabbit holes!

http://www.victorianweb.org/ Another huge source of information. Don’t be put off by the simplistic homepage as its pages are full of detail.

https://archives.history.ac.uk/history-in-focus/Victorians/www.html Has lots of useful links to other sites

https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/story-of-england/ English Heritage is an independent but publicly funded body that preserves some of Britain’s historic buildings. On this part of its website it charts the nation’s history

Below is a list of some JSTOR articles, ProBooks ebooks central (FDU subscription) and books with some Google Books preview coverage that I think you may find helpful. Again, this list is not definitive.

The books available in Wroxton College’s library are listed along with the relevant page or chapter numbers and the index number to help you locate them in the library. If you have any difficulty locating books, or need any library advice speak to Andrew Rose, the college librarian.

Britain after Napoleon

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Davis, M., Comrade or Brother? A History of the British Labour Movement, Chapters 1 and 2 (ebook)
Harvie, C. and Matthew, H. Nineteenth Century Britain (ebook)
Lee, S. J., Aspects of British Political History 1815-1914 Chapter 1 (ebook)
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Goodlad, G., ‘From Peelite technocrat to People’s William’, Modern History Review, September 2004
Grinter, R., Disraeli and Conservatism
Halliday, F. E., England: A Concise History, Chapter 16
Hammer, D. A., Liberal Politics in the Age of Gladstone and Rosebery
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Essay Questions

Week 12 – Thursday 4.00pm

Choose one of the following questions to complete for your essay. Essays should be approximately 1,500-2,000 words in length and must be properly referenced (any consistent referencing style is acceptable) with a bibliography.

1. How serious was the threat of revolution in the years before 1820?

2. “Liverpool’s object was not to alter course but to re-organise his crew for a voyage that had already started.” Discuss this view of Liverpool’s government after 1822.

3. To what extent did the Great Reform Act (1832) remedy defects in the electoral system?

4. How far did the Whig Reforms of the period 1833-41 deal with the domestic problems of the time?

5. ‘The Chartists were doomed to failure even before the final form of their charter was drafted’. Discuss.

6. What measures did Peel take to revive the British economy in the 1840s? Why did his policy on the Corn Law bring him into conflict with his party?

7. By examining his domestic legislation, assess whether William Gladstone deserved the nickname ‘the People’s William’.

8. On what principles did Disraeli base his ‘Beaconsfieldism’ or ‘Tory Democracy’? Show how he put these principles into practice in his domestic policy after 1874.
9. To what extent was Britain's relative economic decline after 1870 an inevitable result of factors beyond the government's control?

10. 'The Labour Party was born out of the bowels of the T.U.C.' Discuss Ernest Bevin's remark about the origins of Labour. What other factors may have been involved?

11. Explain the social, economic and political factors that led to Liberal party to demonstrate a growing concern for the condition of the working man at the beginning of the twentieth century. Use examples from their domestic legislation consider how successfully the Liberal governments (1906-14) addressed the problems of the working class.

12. Outline the campaign for women's suffrage up to 1918. Do you believe that suffragette militancy delayed women getting the vote?


15. Kenneth O. Morgan noted that 'Labour's abiding legacy was the welfare state'. Examine the legislation that led to the creation of a welfare state and explain how the Beveridge report contributed to its formation.
Notes on the preparation and presentation of essays

a) You must place the full title of the question you are attempting at the top of the first page. Pages should also be numbered.
b) Essays should be approximately 1,500-2,000 words in length.
c) Quotations, references to other work and factual assertions should be properly referenced. Any referencing style (e.g. Harvard) is acceptable.
d) A bibliography, quoting books, websites, e-books, articles etc. used, should be included at the end of the essay.
e) Work must be handed in by the due date.
f) Plagiarising either from published printed works, from the internet or from the work of colleagues is not acceptable and an academic offence.

Tips on written work

Keep it relevant. Be careful not to stray from what the question is asking you.

Answer the question logically. Set out the points you wish to make step-by-step, and support each assertion with relevant evidence. Unsupported arguments, however relevant to an essay, cannot be graded as highly as those which are defended by relevant evidence. On the other hand, essays should not constitute a collection of factual statements.

Every argument or assertion you make must be backed by evidence. Every piece of evidence you include must relate to your arguments.

Be cautious to avoid sloppy grammar, poor spelling and long sentences as they detract from even the finest of essays. It is always wise to re-read essays a few times after you have completed them to weed out such mistakes.

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