

## History 373-01: English History to 1660

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M-W-F  
HHRA 2207

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**Text:** Simon Schama, *A History of Britain: At The Edge of the World? 3000 BC-AD 1603*. (New York: Hyperion, 2000).

### DATE TOPIC AND ASSIGNMENT

- August 14 Introduction
- August 16 Climate, Geography, and Topography of Britain
- August 18 Prehistoric Britain; Assignment: Schama [hereafter S]:, *History of Britain*, 18-26.
- August 21 Prehistoric Britain (II)
- August 23 Roman Britain; S: 26-44.
- August 25 Roman Britain (II)
- August 28 Rise of Christianity
- August 30 Rise of Christianity (II)
- September 1 Anglo-Saxon England; S: 44-65.
- September 4 Labor Day Holiday; No Class
- September 6 Anglo-Saxon England (II); S: 68-73.
- September 8 Anglo-Saxon England (III); Lindisfarne Gospels (VH 4822)
- September 11 Feudalism
- September 13 Feudalism (II)
- September 15 The Norman Conquest; S: 66-68, 73-113.
- September 18 The Norman Conquest (II)
- September 20 William II, Henry I, and Stephen; S: 114-121.
- September 25 Henry II; S: 121-153.

September 27 Henry II (II)

**September 29 QUIZ I (Bring blue books)**

October 2 Richard I, King John, and Magna Carta; S: 153-165.

October 4 Magna Carta (II)

October 6 Magna Carta (III)

October 9 Fall Break; No Class

October 11 “State Opening of Parliament” video presentation

October 13 “State Opening of Parliament”, continued

October 16 Edward I and Great Britain; S: 184-212.

October 18 Edward I and Great Britain (II)

October 20 The Black Death and its Consequences; S: 222-244.

October 23 The Black Death and its Consequences (II)

October 25 Richard II and the Lancastrians; S: 244-273.

October 27 Richard II and the Lancastrians (II)

October 30 “The Luttrell Psalter” (VH 4010)

November 1 Religious Crisis of the Late Middle Ages

November 3 Religious Crisis of the Late Middle Ages (II)

November 6 War of the Roses, Henry VII; S: 245-273.

November 8 War of the Roses, Henry VII (II)

November 10 War of the Roses, Henry VII (III)

**November 13 QUIZ II (Bring blue books)**

November 15 Henry VIII; S: 285-317.

November 17 Henry VIII (II)

November 20 Dissolution of the Monasteries

November 22 Thanksgiving Holiday; No Class

November 24 Thanksgiving Holiday; No Class

November 27 Dissolution of the Monasteries (II)

November 29 Reformation, Counter-Reformation, and Elizabeth I; S: 276-285, 317-329.

December 1 Reformation, Counter-Reformation, and Elizabeth I (II)

**December 4 FINAL Examination (Bring blue books)**

**Attendance Policy:** Lectures are an integral part of the course. You are allowed four absences with no distinction made between excused and unexcused. After the fourth absence, you must drop the course.

**Office Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_ and by appointment.

**Grades:** For each quiz and the final exam, each student will receive a numerical and a letter grade. The numerical grades will be arranged according to a method of statistical probability known as the bell curve and a letter will be assigned accordingly. After the final exam, an average grade will be figured and a final letter grade assigned according to the bell curve. In each instance, 8-10 grades will be A's; the next cluster B's, etc. This method encourages and rewards improvement during the semester. If you happen to do poorly on a quiz but study hard and make better grades, your semester's average will improve.