

History 373-01: English History to 1660

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MWF
HHRA 2207

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TEXTBOOK: Simon Schama. **A History of Britain: At the Edge of the World? 3000 BC – AD 1603.** (New York: Hyperion, 2000). Check below for daily reading assignments.

- August 20 Introduction
- August 22 Climate, Geography, and Topography of Britain
- August 24 Prehistoric Britain. Reading assignment: Schama [hereafter S:] 18-26
- August 27 Prehistoric Britain. “Beginnings/Conquest!” (VH 9310)
- August 29 Roman Britain. S: 26-44.
- August 31 Roman Britain.
- September 3 Labor Day Holiday. No Class.
- September 5 Rise of Christianity
- September 7 Anglo-Saxon England. S: 44-65.
- September 10 Anglo-Saxon England. S: 68-73. “Lindisfarne Gospels” (VH 4822)
- September 12 Feudalism
- September 14 Feudalism
- September 17 The Norman Conquest. S: 66-68.
- September 19 The Norman Conquest. S: 73-113.
- September 21 William II, Henry I, and Stephen. S: 114-121
- September 24 QUIZ I (Required: bring your own blank blue book).**
- September 26 Henry II. S: 121-153.
- September 28 Henry II. “Dynasty/Nations” (VH 9311)

- October 1 Richard I and King John. S: 153-165.
October 3 Magna Carta
- October 5 “State Opening of Parliament”
- October 8 “State Opening of Parliament”
- October 10 Edward I and Great Britain. S: 184-212.
- October 12 The Black Death and its consequences. S: 222-244. “King Death/Burning Convictions” (VH 9312)
- October 15 Fall Break. No Class.
- October 17 Religious Crisis of the Late Middle Ages.
- October 19 “The Luttrell Psalter” (VH 4010)
- October 22 Richard II and the Lancastrians. S: 244-266.
- October 24 War of the Roses. S: 266-273.
- October 26 War of the Roses and Henry VII.
- October 29 QUIZ II (Required: bring your own blank blue book).**
- October 31 Henry VIII. S: 284-317.
- November 2 Henry VIII. “A Man for All Seasons” (VH 268)
- November 5 Dissolution of the Monasteries.
- November 7 Dissolution of the Monasteries.
- November 9 Reformation and Counter-Reformation. S: 276-285.
- November 12 Reformation and Counter-Reformation. S: 317-329.
- November 14 Reign of Elizabeth, First Half. S: 330-349.
- November 16 Reign of Elizabeth, First Half. “Virgin Queen” (first half).
- November 19 No Class.
- November 21 Thanksgiving Break. No Class.

November 23 Thanksgiving Break. No Class.

November 26 Reign of Elizabeth, Plots and Crisis. S: 349-384.

November 28 Reign of Elizabeth, Second Half. S: 384-395. "Elizabeth I" (second half)

November 30 Reign of Elizabeth, Second Half.

December 3 James I and Charles I

December 5 Interregnum and Charles II

December 7 "Cromwell"

December 10 Final In-Class Examination – QUIZ III (Required: bring blank blue book)

Office Hours: by appointment only. **Attendance Policy:** Students are allowed only one unexcused absence. In any instance, students are responsible for information supplied by all class presentations and lectures. **Grading Policy:** 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 grade will be assigned accordingly. After the final exam, an average grade will be figured and a final letter grade will be 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.