

HISTORY 3110
MODERN BRITISH HISTORY
 Eastern Illinois University
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REQUIRED TEXTS

Walter L. Arnstein, *The Past Speaks: Sources and Problems in British History*, 2nd ed. (Lexington, MA: D. C. Heath, 1993).

Rebecca Fraser, *The Story of Britain from the Romans to the Present: a Narrative History* (New York: W. W. Norton, 2003).

George Orwell, *The Road to Wigan Pier* (San Diego: Harcourt, 1937, 1958).

On E-Reserve: R. K. Webb, *Modern England from the Eighteenth Century to the Present* (New York: Harper Collins, 1980), Appendices.

Other readings may be assigned as the semester progresses; if so, they will be placed on reserve at Booth Library or handed out in class. I reserve the right to change assignments, topics, and agendas if necessary. Don't worry: I will give you notice of any such changes.

COURSE CALENDAR AND WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	TOPIC	DUE
Week 1.		
January 12	Introduction	
January 14	Unfortunately Cancelled Class	
January 16	The Revolution Settlement	Fraser, 361-395 Arnstein, 1-22
Week 2.		
January 19	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HOLIDAY: NO CLASS	

January 21	The End of the Stuart Era	Fraser, 396-408
January 23	The Whig Oligarchy	Fraser, 411-421
Week 3.		
January 26	Eighteenth-Century Thought	Arnstein, 49-90 Map Quiz
January 28	Eighteenth-Century Society	Arnstein, 23-47
January 30	The First British Empire	Fraser, 422-448 Quiz on Webb, appendices 1-2, 6
Week 4.		
February 2	The Age of George III	Fraser, 449-478 Arnstein, 91-98
February 4	The American Revolution	Arnstein, 98-114
February 6	Britain and the French Revolution	Fraser, 479-506 Arnstein, 115-140
Week 5.		
February 9	The Napoleonic Wars	
February 11	The Challenge of Industrialization	Arnstein, 141-168
February 13	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY: NO CLASS	
Week 6.		
February 16	FIRST HOUR EXAMINATION	
February 18	Romantic England	

February 20	England before Reform	Fraser, 507-524
Week 7.		
February 23	The Great Reform Bill	Fraser, 525-539
February 25	Chartism	Fraser, 540-556
February 27	Victorian Women	Arnstein, 169-195
Week 8.		
March 2	The Age of Palmerston	Fraser, 556-574
March 4	Mid-Victorian Society	Arnstein, 197-222
March 6	Discussion	Quiz on Webb, appendices 3-5
Week 9.		
March 9	Victoria and Victorianism	
March 11	The Great Rivalry	Fraser, 575-599
March 13	The Reform Bill of 1867	Arnstein, 223-242
Week 10.		
March 16	NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK	
March 18	NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK	
March 20	NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK	
Week 11.		
March 23	Britain as World Power	Fraser, 600-621 Arnstein, 263-287

March 25	The Irish Dilemma	Arnstein, 243-261
March 27	The Late Victorian Political World	
Week 12.		
March 30	From Liberalism toward Socialism	Fraser, 625-636 Arnstein, 289-305
April 1	SECOND HOUR EXAMINATION	
April 3	Discussion	<i>The Road to Wigan Pier</i> , entire volume
Week 13.		
April 6	Work on Paper	Meet in the Reference area in Booth Library
April 8	The Impact of World War I	Fraser, 649-695 Arnstein, 307-353
April 10	The Rise of Labour	Fraser, 639-649
Week 14.		
April 13	Britain and the Coming of World War II	Fraser, 696-701 Arnstein, 355-378
April 15	Alone	
April 17	Britain at War	Fraser, 702-720
Week 15.		
April 20	The Home Front	Paper Due
April 22	Churchill	

April 24	The Decline of Empire	Fraser, 721-743 Arnstein, 379-400
Week 16.		
April 27	Labour's Decline	Fraser, 744-756 Arnstein, 401-425
April 29	Thatcher's Britain	Fraser, 757-785 Arnstein, 427-444
May 1	Discussion and Review	

EVALUATION

Hour Exam 1	20%
Hour Exam 2	20%
Final Exam	35%
Paper	15%
Quizzes	5%
Class Participation	5%

Total	100%

EXAMINATIONS

For all examinations (but not quizzes), please bring at least one examination booklet to the History Department office by the day before the examination is to be given. Write your name, my name, and the class number (HIS 3110) on the front cover of the booklet and give it to the secretary. Examination booklets are available for purchase (at a cost of less than \$0.25) from the University bookstore.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is not absolutely required, but is strongly encouraged. I take attendance every day. I am not going to "deduct points" for non-attendance, but you will not serve your cause by being absent, if your cause includes doing well on examinations. Remember also that a portion of your grade is determined by class participation; attendance is an integral part of that.

LATE WORK

A word of warning: I do not accept late work without prior arrangement. If you are having trouble with an assignment, talk to me *before* it is due. Do not just assume that I will not give you an extension (neither should you assume that I will).

READING FOR LECTURES

I **strongly** advise you to get your assigned reading done before class begins. The lectures will be more understandable, the discussions more pleasant, and the instructor more jovial if you do. Please attend all lectures and take detailed notes. They and the readings will be your essential source of information for the exams.

DISCLAIMER

I reserve the right to change any assignment or requirement listed on this syllabus if I deem it necessary. I will give you notice of any such changes.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

For details about Eastern Illinois University's policy regarding violations of academic integrity, see the *Student Conduct Code* at <http://www.eiu.edu/~judicial/code.html>.

DISABILITIES

If you have a documented disability of which I should be aware, please inform me during the first week of class. If you do not have a formally documented disability, but have a disability that you think might be eligible for documentation, visit the Disability Services website at <http://www.eiu.edu/~disabty/> for further information.

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HOW TO REACH ME

Email is the best way to get in touch with me when I am not on campus. While I do have voicemail, I do not check it unless I am in the office.

ACADEMIC GOLDEN RULE

If you have a question, ask it. Questions are "stupid" only if they remain unasked.