

RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION
GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE

HST	152	History of England: 1600 to the Present	(3-0)	3
Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Lec-Lab	Credit Hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Surveys the social, cultural, imperial, economic, and political history of England from the Stuart Dynasty through the present era.

TOPICAL OUTLINE

- I. Geography, Climate, and the Resources
- II. The Stuart Dynasty and the Struggle with Parliament
- III. Civil War and Puritan Commonwealth
- IV. Restoration and Colonialism
- V. Industrialism and Capitalism
- VI. French-English Conflict and Revolution
- VII. Napoleon, Pax Britannica, and Reform
- VIII. World War I and Depression
- IX. World War II and the Loss of the Empire
- X. The Cold War and the Common Market

METHOD OF PRESENTATION

1. Lecture
2. Class discussion
3. Related readings

STUDENT OUTCOMES (The student should . . .)

1. list and discuss, in writing, the causes of the English Civil War.
2. evaluate the contributions of the Stuart Kings to English history.
3. assess the impact Oliver Cromwell made on English history.
4. trace the evolution of the English Civil War.
5. explain why the 17th century is known as restoration and revolution.
6. evaluate the impact of Whigs during the 18th century.
7. trace the rise of Robert Walpole.
8. list and discuss the contributions of George I, II, and III.
9. explain, in writing, why the authority of the House of Commons continued to grow over the course of the 18th century.
10. list and discuss the major conflicts England engaged upon during the 19th century.
11. discuss the contributions of William Pitt the Younger as a political leader in England and Europe.
12. explain how England lost her American Colonies.
13. discuss the evolution of the American Revolution from 1775 to 1783.
14. discuss, in detail, how the British abolished the slave trade.
15. explain, in written format, the late 18th century colonial policy and foreign affairs.
16. explain, in detail, the role Great Britain played in the French Revolution.
17. trace the British struggle against Napoleon focusing on the second and third coalition.
18. discuss, in essay format, the peace settlement established at the Congress of Vienna.
19. discuss, in detail, the Agricultural and Industrial Revolutions in Great Britain.
20. explain the significance and impact of the British Agricultural and Industrial Revolutions.
21. explain reactionary rule after 1815 in Britain.
22. list and discuss the major Tory reforms during the 1820's and 1830's.
23. define and discuss, in detail, the Chartist Movement.

24. discuss, in detail, how the Corn Laws were repealed and evaluate the impact of this action on the British middle class.
25. list and discuss the major political developments after Peel.
26. discuss, in a narrative essay, British foreign affairs under Castlereagh and Canning.
27. discuss, in a narrative essay, British foreign affairs under Palmerston.
28. explain how the movement known as Romanticism influenced literature and art in Great Britain and Europe during the early 19th century.
29. list and discuss the major contributions associated with the Age of Disraeli and Gladstone.
30. discuss the major provisions of the Reform Bill of 1867.
31. discuss the "Great Ministry" of Gladstone from 1868 to 1874.
32. evaluate Disraeli and Tory democracy from 1874 to 1880.
33. discuss, in essay format, Gladstone's second ministry, 1880 - 1885.
34. list and discuss the political developments of Salisbury's first, second, and third ministries.
35. describe the British Empire in the early 19th century. Explain how they maintained and consolidated their existing possessions.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

1. Three exams
2. Research paper

TEXTBOOK

Prall, Stuart E. & Wilson, David Harris, A History of England, Volume II 1603 to the Present, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Inc., 1999.

James, Rise & Fall of The British Empire, St. Martins, 1997.

Blakeley, Document in British History Vol I, McGraw, 1993.

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