

ENG 1505 – British Civilisation

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LECTURES 2013 I

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Wednesday, 10:15-12:00, Auditorium 1 Sophus Bugges hus.

- 1 – 16 Jan. (Week 3)** **Introduction: Studying the British Isles as an area.**
Reading: Information about ENG 1505 (handouts); John Oakland: *British Civilization: An Introduction* (7th edition, 2009), chapters: 1-3; Compendium: Christopher G. A. Bryant: ‘Thinking about the Union and its future’.
- 2 – 23 Jan. (Week 4)** **Medieval Britain: 1066, and the emergence of the English Kingdom.**
Reading: Jeremy Black: *A History of the British Isles*, ch. 3; Compendium: *Magna Carta 1215*.
NB: The 1st tutorial groups are held this week!
- 3 – 30 Jan. (Week 5)** **16th Century Britain: the Tudors, the Reformation, and the Welsh ‘Union’ of 1536.**
Reading: Black, ch. 4; Compendium: QE1: ‘Speech to the Troops at Tilbury’.
- 4 – 6 Feb. (Week 6)** **17th Century Britain: the Union of 1603, the Civil Wars, and the Glorious Revolution of 1688-89.**
Reading: Black, ch. 5; Compendium: *Bill of Rights, 1689*.

11 – 15 February, study week (Week 7)

- 5 – 20 Feb. (Week 8)** **18th Century Britain: the Union of 1707, imperial expansion, and the Union of 1801.**
Reading: Black, ch. 6; Compendium: Patriotic song, anthems and hymns.
2nd tutorial groups this week
- 6 – 27 Feb. (Week 9)** **19th Century Britain: the Industrial Revolution and its Consequences.**
Reading: Black, ch. 7.
- 7 – 6 March. (Week 10)** **Britain’s ‘Irish Question’, and Northern Ireland since 1921.**
Reading: Black, relevant parts of chs. 7, 8 & 9; Compendium: the Belfast (‘Good Friday’) Agreement.
3rd tutorial groups this week

11 – 15 March, study week (Week 11)

8 – 20 March. **The two World Wars, and the inter-war period.**

(Week 12) Reading: Black, pp. 249-284; Compendium: Winston Churchill, ‘Speeches on the Second World War’.

Deadline for first draft of essay - 21st March - 1600

25 – 29 March, Easter break (Week 13)

9 – 3 April. **Post-war Britain: political, economic, and social developments since 1945.**

(Week 14)

Reading: Black, relevant parts of ch. 8; Oakland, *British Civilization*, ch. 7, 8 & 10; John Oakland, *Contemporary Britain: a Survey with Texts*, ch. 1.

10 – 10 April. **Education in the UK.**

(Week 15)

Reading: Oakland, *British Civilization*, ch. 9; Oakland, *Contemporary Britain*, pp. 4-10, 204-12; Compendium: Robin Pedley, ‘A New Society’ and Robin Davis: ‘The Case for the Grammar School’.

4th tutorial

11 – 17 April. **The British Political system today.**

(Week 16)

Reading: Oakland, *British Civilization*, chs. 4 & 5, Oakland, *Contemporary Britain*, pp. 15-21, 121-28, 139-51.

12 – 24 April. **Law & Order in the UK.**

(Week 17)

Reading: Oakland, *British Civilization*, ch. 6; Oakland, *Contemporary Britain*, ch. 8.

5th tutorial

13 – 8 May. **From Thatcherism to ‘New’ Labour, to the Coalition of 2010.**

(Week 19)

Reading: Black, relevant sections of chs. 8 & 9; Oakland, *British Civilization* chs. 10, 11 & 12; Oakland, *Contemporary Britain*, ch. 4 & 6; Compendium: Editor from *The Spectator*, ‘United we Stand’.

14 – 15 May. **Summing up and AOB.**

(Week 19)

6th and final tutorial this week

21 May, written exam.
