HISTORY 123: ENGLAND TO 1688

This course introduces students to more than sixteen hundred years of British history - from the coming of the Romans to the Glorious Revolution of 1688. It focuses on the major events and most momentous social changes which shaped the development of the English people.

The first half of the course examines the impact of the successive invasions of the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans. Topics discussed will include the evolution in the Middle Ages of the English state and church, the nature of feudalism, and the consequences of plague on English life in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

The second half of the course starts with the Wars of Roses and covers the last phase of the Middle Ages and the beginnings of modern England. Topics discussed will include the dissolution of the monasteries and the destruction of the church's independence, reforms in government under the Tudors, the steep growth of population, and resulting economic stresses. Particular attention will be given to the origins of the English Civil War in the 1640s. The course will end with a discussion of the significance of the Glorious Revolution of 1688.

Required texts:
- C. Warren Hollister, The making of England
- David R. Cook, Lancastrians and Yorkists: the Wars of the Roses
- C.S. L. Davies, Peace, Print, and Protestantism
- Christopher Hill, The Century of Revolution
- Lawrence Stone, The Causes of the English Revolution

Required tasks:
All students will be required to attend lectures and section meetings, and to take two mid-term examinations and a final examination. Students wishing to take the class for four units will also write a term paper or two short essays.
Course schedule

You are responsible for keeping up with the readings and preparing for discussion sections. The pace of the lectures and the topics for weekly discussions may vary somewhat from this schedule, which is intended only as a guideline, but you will find the course easier and more rewarding if you adhere to the weekly reading assignments given below.

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<th>Week</th>
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| I    | Introduction. The Roman invasions  
Hollister, chs.1-2 |
| II   | Roman and Anglo-Saxon England  
Hollister, chs.3-5 |
| III  | Late Saxon and Norman England  
Hollister, chs.6-7 |
| IV   | From Henry II to Henry III  
Hollister, chs.8-11 |
| V    | Edward I to Richard II  
Hollister, ch.12; Davies, chs.1-2 |
| VI   | The Later Middle Ages  
Cook |
| VII  | The Wars of the Roses  
Davies, chs.3-4 |
| VIII | From Yorkists to Tudors  
Davies, chs.5-6 |
| IX   | The Reformation  
Davies, chs.7-8 |
| X    | Henry VIII  
Davies, ch.9 |
| XI   | Mid-Tudor England  
Stone, pp.1-116 |
| XII  | The Elizabethan Age  
Stone, from p.116; Hill pt.1 |

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| XIII | Early Stuart England  
Hill, pt.2 |
| XIV  | The English Civil War  
Hill, pt.3 |
| XV   | Restoration to Glorious Revolution  
Hill, pt.4 |

Important dates

Last day to drop course without permanent record: 9/14
Last day to add course or fourth unit: 9/16
Last day to drop course or fourth unit: 11/4