This course covers British history from the Glorious Revolution of the late seventeenth century to the crisis over the Falklands in 1982. During this span of almost 300 years, Britain changed from a thinly settled, primarily rural, and economically underdeveloped country into a densely populated, highly urbanized, and thoroughly industrialized nation, distinguished by its relative political stability. Beginning with a survey of seventeenth-century political conflicts, the course traces Britain's fortunes through the first Industrial Revolution, the Victorian years of reform and stability, and the Edwardian beginnings of the welfare state to the difficult twentieth-century period, when Britain's power and prestige began to decline. While surveying the usual political, economic, and imperial developments, this course will also investigate some less traditional topics, such as working-class culture, rural life, the rise of feminism, and the changing life style of the 1960s as exemplified by the music of the Beatles.

**Written Work**

3 credits: two mid-term exams; a final.  
4 credits: two mid-term exams; a final; a ten-page paper.

**Grades**

3 credits: mid-term exams, 25% each; final, 40%; discussion, 10%.  
4 credits: mid-term exams, 20% each; final, 40%; discussion, 10%; paper, 10%.

**Readings**

Webb, Modern England: From the Eighteenth Century to the Present  
Dickens, Hard Times  
Smollett, Humphrey Clinker  
Hughes, Tom Brown's School Days  
Davies, Life As We Have Known It  
Orwell, The Road to Wigan Pier  
Drabble, The Ice Age
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Required Readings

R. K. Webb, *Modern England: From the 18th Century to the Present* (Dodd, Mead & Co.)


Bernard Porter, *The Lion's Share* (Longman)

George Orwell, *The Road to Wigan Pier* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich)