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<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
572	<u>Undergraduate Seminar: Victorian England</u>	Mr. Donnelly

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The continual reinterpretation of Victorian politics, society, and culture is one good measure of the persistent fascination of that era for later generations. In this seminar we will begin our studies with a major work of synthesis, partly in order to establish some common foundation of knowledge about the period, and partly to stimulate discussion about the defining characteristics and the dynamics of this society. We will then turn to a small number of the classic contemporary texts: to Engels, for an account of the consequences of early industrialism and the development of the class system; to Bagehot, for an analysis of how the political system worked before the coming of democracy; to Hughes, for treatment of the role of elite education and "muscular Christianity" in the culture; and to Darwin, for an appreciation of the intellectual revolution and the Victorian "crisis of faith."

LECTURES

Meetings once a week, each meeting to last two hours; all meetings to be devoted to discussion of the required readings.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS

A research proposal of about fifteen pages focusing on a question or a set of related questions needing scholarly investigation, and stating the methods and sources to be used in the search for answers.

GRADING SYSTEM

1. Research proposal (50 percent)
2. Informed participation in seminar discussions (50 percent)

REQUIRED READINGS

Bagehot, Walter, The English Constitution (Cornell University Press paperback).

Beales, Derek, From Castlereagh to Gladstone, 1815-1885 (Norton paperback).

Briggs, Asa, Victorian People (University of Chicago Press paperback).

Burnett, John, ed., Destiny Obscure (Penguin paperback).

Darwin, Charles, The Autobiography of Charles Darwin (Norton paperback).

Engels, Friedrich, The Condition of the Working Class in England (Stanford University Press paperback).

Hughes, Thomas, Tom Brown's School Days (Airmont paperback).

A BRIEF GUIDE FOR STUDENTS TO REFERENCE RESOURCES

ON NINETEENTH-CENTURY ENGLISH HISTORY

Erwin K. Welsch, Memorial Library

This is intended as a preliminary guide to selected reference sources. It lists works which are available in the Reference Department of the Memorial Library (Room 262) and makes no pretense to being either comprehensive or complete.

This guide is arranged as follows:

- I. Bibliographical guides
- II. Current bibliographies
- III. Handbooks and bibliographies of special subjects
  1. Social and economic
  2. Official publications and government documents
  3. Publications of local historical societies
  4. Periodicals and newspapers
  5. Handbooks and dictionaries
  6. Historical statistics
  7. Politics and government
  8. Labor history
  9. Guides to archives and collections
- IV. The Bibliography Room
- V. Collections elsewhere on campus

## I. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL GUIDES

- Z  
2019  
M34  
1917
- Madden, Lionel.  
How to find out about the Victorian period; a guide to sources of information. London, 1970.
- Intended as an introduction for beginning students and consequently includes a lot of basic information on how to use a library effectively. It is not definitive but perhaps useful as a starting point.
- Z  
2019  
A56
- Altholz, Josef L.  
Victorian England, 1837-1901. Cambridge, 1970.
- This is one of the volumes in the "Bibliographical Handbooks" series sponsored by the Conference on British Studies. Much more comprehensive than the above, with 2,500 separate entries, perhaps its only problem--and that a small one--is the lack of a subject index. Includes both primary and secondary sources. The sections on bibliographies and catalogs, guides and handbooks are particularly useful.
- DA  
1  
F8
- Furber, Elizabeth Chapin, ed.  
Changing views on British history; essays on historical writing since 1939. Cambridge, Mass., 1966.
- The Conference on British Studies sponsored a series of articles published in various journals with a view towards summarizing recent historiography related to British history. The articles by Roger W. Prouty on "England and Wales, 1820-1870" and John Clive on "British history, 1870-1914" evaluate recent works on nineteenth- and twentieth-century Britain. Clive's is the more ambitious of the two.
- Z  
2016  
E44  
1970
- Elton, Geoffrey R.  
Modern historians on British history, 1485-1945; a critical bibliography, 1945-1969. London, 1970.
- Elton seldom hesitates to criticize when he believes he sees fault. Interesting to compare his views with those of Prouty and Clive. The section on the nineteenth century takes up most of the book.
- Z  
2011  
B3
- Cambridge bibliography on English literature. Vol. III, 1800-1900, 2d ed.
- Despite the appearance of numerous other guides, this is still a good way of identifying primary sources, particularly for those who stray outside the confines of political history into social history. See, for example, the list of Victorian periodicals.
- Z  
2016  
B45
- Berkowitz, David Sandler.  
Bibliotheca bibliographica britannica, 1963-
- Eight looseleaf volumes. An attempt to compile the most comprehensive bibliography possible.

Z  
6201  
B59      Bibliography of historical works issued in the United Kingdom, 1946-  
London, 1957-

Edited first by Joan Lancaster and later by William Kellaway. Volumes published to date: 1946-56 (1957), 1957-60 (1962), and 1961-65 (1967). A list of works by English historians or published in Great Britain.

## II. CURRENT BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Z  
2016  
R88      Writings on British history, 1901-

A bibliography of books and periodical articles about British history. A multi-volume set covering 1901-51.

Z  
2016  
L6      Historical research for university degrees in the United Kingdom.

Annual publication issued by the University of London Institute of Historical Research in two parts: 1) Theses completed, and 2) Theses in progress. Many, but not all, of the completed theses may be obtained on interlibrary loan (apply in Room 230 of the Memorial Library), but the process is slow and cumbersome since in many cases the library which has the dissertation must have the permission of the author to reproduce it.

Z  
6205  
H65      Annual bulletin of historical literature, 1912-

A bibliography of works published by British historians rather than, strictly speaking, a bibliography of British history.

Z  
2013  
V5      Victorian bibliography, 1945-

A literary bibliography essentially, but includes all materials relevant to the period.

## III. HANDBOOKS AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

### 1. Social and economic

Z  
7165  
G8  
W7      Williams, Judith Blow.  
Guide to the printed materials for English social and economic history, 1750-1850. N.Y., 1926. 2 vols.

A still useful guide to pamphlets and other printed materials published during this period and subsequently to about 1920. Although some of her judgements may be questionable, much of what she lists cannot be easily located in other sources. Limited to England, not Great Britain.

- Z  
2023  
M23  
Martin, G.H. and Sylvia McIntyre.  
A bibliography of British and Irish municipal history. Leicester, 1972-
- Z  
7166  
H33  
Harvard University. Graduate School of Business Administration. Baker Library. Kress Library of Business and Economics.  
Catalogue; with data on cognate items in other Harvard libraries. Boston, 1940-
- See vol. II, 1777-1817; vol. III, 1818-48; and vol. IV, Supplement, 1473-1848. A catalog of one of the most distinguished American libraries of economic materials. The English collection is remarkably strong.
- Z  
7164  
E2  
L65  
London University. Goldsmith's Company's Library of Economic Literature. Catalogue...compiled by Margaret Canney and David Knott. London, 1970-
- Vol. I (printed books through 1800) and vol. II (printed books, 1801-50) are currently available; the third volume (serial publications) is nearing completion.
- Z  
7164  
E2  
B6  
Black, R.D. Collison.  
A catalogue of pamphlets on economic subjects published between 1750 and 1900 and now housed in Irish libraries. Belfast, 1969.
- An excellent catalog with comprehensive indexes of authors, titles and societies and institutions. The pamphlets are arranged chronologically. Naturally has more on Ireland than elsewhere, but still generally useful.
2. Official publications and government documents
- Z  
2009  
A1  
F6  
Ford, Percy and Grace Ford.  
A guide to parliamentary papers; what they are, how to find them, how to use them. 3d. ed. Totowa, N.J., 1972.
- The basic guide, which includes a bibliography of other works useful in guiding research in British parliamentary and non-parliamentary publications.
- J  
301  
M3  
1953  
Ford, Percy and Grace Ford.  
Select list of British parliamentary papers, 1833-1899. Oxford, 1953.
- See also the sessional indexes of the parliamentary papers which have been issued since 1806/07, and the various cumulations which began with the 1801-26 volume and became a regular decennial publication with that for 1870-78/79.
- Z  
2009  
P45  
1971  
Pemberton, John E.  
British official publications. Oxford, 1971.
- Slanted more towards the user of recent documents than the historian, but does contain useful descriptions of various official and non-official indexes and other publications.

Z DiRoma, Edward and Joseph A. Rosenthal.  
 2009 A numerical finding list of British command papers published 1833-  
 D5 1961/62. N.Y., 1971.

Enables the user to go directly to the correct volume in the parliamentary-papers set if all he has is the command paper number. The Library's collection of parliamentary papers and debates is virtually complete for the nineteenth century. Those before 1860 are in the Microforms Center (Room 430), together with the appropriate indexes; those after 1860 are on stack level 2M, along with the indexes.

Z Checklist of British parliamentary papers in the Irish University  
 2019 Press 1000-volume series, 1801-1899. Shannon, 1972.  
 173

A handy guide to the collection at the Center for Research Libraries which can be borrowed on interlibrary loan.

### 3. Publications of local historical societies

Z Mullins, Edward L.C.  
 5055 A guide to the historical and archaeological publications of societies  
 G6 in England and Wales, 1901-1933. London, 1968.  
 M8

Z Mullins, Edward L.C.  
Texts and calendars; an analytical guide to serial publications.  
 London, 1958.

These two works index British source sets, most of which relate to periods before the nineteenth century.

### 4. Periodicals and newspapers

Index Houghton, Walter E., ed.  
 case The Wellesley index to Victorian periodicals, 1824-1900. Toronto, 1966-

"A list of articles in selected monthlies and periodicals with attributions of authorship." Currently two volumes are available.

The Memorial Library has compiled a list of representative British nineteenth-century periodicals available in the Memorial Library. A copy is available in the Social Studies Librarian's Office (Room 320).

Note: The microfilm set of The Times, together with the index, is housed in the microfilm section of the Library of the State Historical Society, which is across the mall from the Memorial Library.

## 5. Handbooks and dictionaries

- DA  
34  
L9  
1928  
Low, Sidney and F.S. Pulling.  
The dictionary of English history. New ed., London, 1928.  
An old classic which includes biographical information as well as definitions of terms and relevant bibliographical citations.
- DA  
34  
S71  
1970  
Steinberg, S.H. and I.H. Evans.  
Steinberg's dictionary of British history. 2d ed., London, 1970.  
Brief definitions of terms; no biographical information.
- DA  
34  
P6  
1961  
Powicke, Frederick M. and Edmund B. Fryde (eds.)  
Handbook of British chronology. 2d ed., London, 1961. (Royal Historical Society guides and handbooks, no. 2)  
Lists of officials with dates of appointment and other information.

## 6. Historical statistics

- HA  
1135  
M5  
Mitchell, Brian R.  
Abstract of British historical statistics. Cambridge, 1962.
- HA  
1135  
M52  
Mitchell, Brian R.  
Second abstract of British historical statistics. Cambridge, 1971.  
These are valuable for both the statistics and the bibliographical references they supply to other sources.

## 7. Politics and government

- JN  
501  
D8  
1972  
Dod, Charles R.P.  
Electoral facts from 1832 to 1853. Edited with an introduction and bibliographical guide to electoral sources, 1832-1885, by H.J. Hanham. Brighton, Eng., Harvester Press, 1972.
- JN  
555  
W5  
1971  
Wilding, Norman W.  
An encyclopaedia of Parliament. Completely revised fourth edition. N.Y., 1971.
- JN  
955  
P4  
Pelling, Henry.  
Social geography of British elections, 1885-1910. N.Y., 1967.

## 8. Labor history

HD Great Britain. Department of Employment and Productivity.  
British labour statistics; historical abstracts, 1886-1968. London, 1971.

Detailed and excellent statistics relating to the laboring classes.  
 Despite its title, a number of statistics are given for earlier years.

HD Bellamy, Joyce M.  
 8393 Dictionary of labour biography. London, 1972-  
 A1

B44 Includes definitions of major terms or ideas as well as biographical  
 data. Many bibliographical references.

## 9. Guides to archives and collections

CD Gt. Brit. Public Record Office.  
 1043 Guide to the contents of the Public Record Office.  
 A553 London, 1963-68. 3 vols.

A description of files in the P.R.O., together with sometimes extensive  
 descriptions of the individual record groups. For indexes to specific record  
 groups, use the list and index volumes available in the same area.

CD Bond, Maurice.  
 1063 Guide to the records of Parliament. London, 1971.  
 B63

"Describes the complete range of records preserved within the Palace of  
 Westminster: the records of both Houses of Parliament; all documents  
 which have been presented to the two Houses or purchased by them; and  
 the papers which have accumulated in the various parliamentary and non-  
 parliamentary offices of the Palace." Provides detailed information  
 about manuscripts and published materials.

Z Downs, Robert B.  
 1002 British library resources; a bibliographical guide. Chicago, London, 1973.  
 D63

"A bibliographical guide to the resources for advanced study and research  
 in the libraries of the United Kingdom and Eire... [it records] all  
 published library catalogs--general and special; all checklists of  
 specialized collections" and similar materials. With this guide one  
 can determine very quickly whether there is a printed catalog for a  
 body of research materials about an individual or a place which will  
 facilitate research.

CD Gt. Brit. Historical Manuscripts Commission.  
 1041 Record repositories in Great Britain. London, 1971.  
 J6

1971 "Serves as a guide to the student who wishes to know where the record  
 material available ... may be found, and what organisations will help  
 him to approach and to use it." For each entry it includes the address  
 and the hours of the repository, the name of the archivist and a brief  
 list of guides to the archives (if any).

#### IV. THE BIBLIOGRAPHY ROOM

In addition to works in the Reference Collection, there are very useful bibliographical tools in the Bibliography Room (Room 278). The Catalogue of the British Museum is on the tall shelving (so-called pulpit shelving). It lists works in the British Museum by author and by some other entries. For items other than those which bibliographically are relatively simple, the listings may be very complex and require digging to find. This is particularly the case for pamphlets and anonymous publications. The British Museum Subject Index, which has been issued periodically since 1881, is also in this collection (Z 921 B86 S), as is the Subject Index of the London Library (Z 921 I6 S8).

#### V. COLLECTIONS ELSEWHERE ON CAMPUS

##### Medical Library

Has some publications on health conditions in England in the nineteenth century which have broader implications for historical research, e.g., the annual reports of the registrar-general of births, deaths and marriages, 1839-48, and the quarterly returns of marriages, births and deaths in England, 1849-57.

##### Law Library

Some holdings on English law and some of the larger sets of statutes which may not be fully recorded in the Memorial Library catalog.

##### Historical Society of Wisconsin Library

During the period when the Historical Society Library and the University Library were in the same building, there were mutual agreements as to which library would collect which subjects, but since it is not always possible to define, particularly in earlier periods, where England leaves off and the U.S. starts, it is still possible to find some early English social and economic materials there.