

HISTORY 831: GRADUATE SEMINAR ON EARLY MODERN BRITAIN

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(1) Requirements: students will write 2 papers of 10-15 pages each; choose topics from the reading list or discuss them with me. The papers will count for 30% each. Everyone will give a presentation (lasting approx. 20 minutes); this will count for 15%. Your papers should not be on the same topic as your presentation. Contributions to discussion will count for 25%.

(2) Reading: As a guide to reading for each week's discussion, use this Booklist - <http://faculty.history.wisc.edu/sommerville/831/831%20General%20&%20Topics.htm>

A complete online booklist of all topics (a LARGE file) is also available, as well as a printer-friendly version (courtesy of David Gehring, Esq., M.A.)

(3) Topics for discussion are listed on the Booklist; they are: (1) The Breakdown of Government 1437-85 (Wars of the Roses); (2) the Reconstruction of Government (under Henry VII); (3) politics under Henry VIII; (4) Tudor parliaments; (5) the early Reformation; (6) Tudor rebellions; (7) the mid-Tudor years; (8) Elizabethan government; (9) humanism, education and literacy; (10) Elizabethan Puritanism; (11) economic history, agriculture, and population; (12) social change; (13) the family, sex and marriage; (14) parliament and politics 1603-29; (15) Charles I's personal rule and the coming of war, 1629-42; (16) the Civil War, the army and radicalism; (17) the Interregnum 1649-60; (18) the Restoration, the Exclusion Crisis, and the Glorious Revolution; (19) William III and Anne; (20) the Age of Walpole; (21) the Rise and Fall of the Witch-Hunt; (22) Popular Culture; (23) the British Problem.

(4) Other Useful Information is available on the 123 (10A onwards), 361 and 367 websites.