

## History 373-01: English History to 1660

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MHRA Rm 2209

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**TEXTBOOK:** Simon Schama. *A History of Britain: At the Edge of the World? 3000 BC - AD 1603*. (New York: Hyperion, 2000). Check below for daily reading assignments.

- August 25 Introduction
- August 27 Climate, Geography, and Topography of Britain. Reading Assignment: Schama [hereafter **S:**] **18-26**.
- August 29 Prehistoric Britain. "Beginnings/Conquest!" (VH 9310)
- September 1 Labor Day Holiday. No Class.
- September 3 Roman Britain. **S: 26-44**.
- September 5 Roman Britain.
- September 8 Rise of Christianity
- September 10 Anglo-Saxon England. **S: 44-65**.
- September 12 Anglo-Saxon England. **S: 68-73**. "Lindisfarne Gospels" (VH 4822)
- September 15 Feudalism
- September 17 Feudalism
- September 19 The Norman Conquest. **S: 66-68**.
- September 22 The Norman Conquest. **S: 73-113**.
- September 24 William II, Henry I, and Stephen. **S: 114-121**.
- September 26 **QUIZ I (Required: bring your own blank blue book)**.
- September 29 Henry II. **S: 121-153**.
- October 1 Henry II. "Dynasty/Nations" (VH 9311)
- October 3 Richard I and King John. **S: 153-165**.
- October 6 Magna Carta.

- October 8 “State Opening of Parliament”
- October 10 “State Opening of Parliament”
- October 13 Edward I and Great Britain. **S: 184-212.**
- October 15 The Black Death and Its Consequences. **S: 222-244.** “King Death/Burning Convictions” (VH 9312)
- October 17 Religious Crisis of the Late Middle Ages.
- October 20 Fall Break. No Class.
- October 22 “The Luttrell Psalter” (VH 4010)
- October 24 Richard II and the Lancastrians. **S: 244-266.**
- October 27 War of the Roses. **S: 266-273.**
- October 29 War of the Roses and Henry VII.
- October 31 **QUIZ II (Required: bring your own blank blue book).**
- November 3 Henry VIII. **S: 284-317.**
- November 5 Henry VIII. “A Man for All Seasons” (VH 268)
- November 7 Dissolution of the Monasteries.
- November 10 Dissolution of the Monasteries.
- November 12 Reformation and Counter-Reformation. **S: 276-285.**
- November 14 Reformation and Counter-Reformation. **S: 317-329.**
- November 17 Reign of Elizabeth, First Half. **S: 330-349.**
- November 19 Reign of Elizabeth, First Half. “Virgin Queen” (first half)
- November 21 Reign of Elizabeth, Plots and Crisis. **S: 349-384.**
- November 24 Reign of Elizabeth, Second Half. **S: 384-395.** “Elizabeth I” (second half)
- November 26 Thanksgiving Holiday. No Class.

November 28 Thanksgiving Holiday. No Class.

December 1 Reign of Elizabeth, Second Half.

December 3 James I and Charles I

December 5 Interregnum and Charles II. "Cromwell"

**December 8 Final In-Class Examination – QUIZ III (Required: bring blank blue book).**

**Office hours:** by appointment only. **Attendance policy:** Lectures are an integral part of this course. You are allowed four absences with no distinction made between excused and unexcused. After the fourth absence, you must drop the course. **Grading policy:** For each quiz and the final exam, each student will receive a numerical and a letter grade. The numerical grades will be arranged according to a method of statistical probability known as the bell curve, and a letter grade will be assigned accordingly. After the final exam, an average grade will be figured and a final letter grade assigned according to the bell curve. In each instance, 8-10 grades will be 'A's, the next cluster 'B's, etc. This method encourages and rewards improvement during the semester. If you happen to do poorly on a quiz but study hard and make better grades, your semester's average will improve.