

Syllabus

HIST 323 Tudor and Stuart Britain, 1485-1714 Fall 2011

Instructor:

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Credit:

3 hours.

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Website:

For Website at Planet Clio, go to:

<http://www.corndancer.com/fritze/tudor3/tudor3home.html>

This site has the syllabus posted along with instructions for assignments.

Textbooks:

Bucholz and Key, *Early Modern England 1485-1714*

Fraser, *The Wives of Henry VIII*

Nicolson, *God's Secretaries*

Course Description:

This class will survey the era of the Tudor and Stuart dynasties in Great Britain from 1485-1714. It will focus on the political and religious history of the era while touching on other aspects such as social and economic history. This era laid the foundation of Britain as a world power.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will gain a working knowledge of the main events of the Tudor-Stuart Era and their chronological order.
2. Students will become familiar with the individuals who played an important role in the Tudor-Stuart Era.

3. Students will become acquainted the secondary literature and the reference materials dealing with the Tudor-Stuart Era and write a critical book review.
4. Students will sample and evaluate primary sources from the Tudor-Stuart Era.
5. Students will conceive, research, and write a research project dealing with some topic related to the Tudor-Stuart Era.
6. Students will use their knowledge to evaluate and to critique films and documentaries related to the Tudor-Stuart Era.

Class Attendance:

Coming to class is an integral part of the learning experience. Students need to try to make every class meeting. If they cannot make it to class they need to inform the instructor ahead of time, if possible. They definitely need to explain their absence, after the fact, if they did not explain it beforehand. Four absences, both excused and unexcused, will result in the student being dropped from the class.

Academic Misconduct:

For definitions and procedures regarding academic dishonesty and plagiarism, see your Student Handbook.

Course Requirements and Grading:

Major exams will be a combination of essay and objective questions. They will test material from the lecture and the Bucholz and Key textbook. Quizzes will be based on reading the Fraser and Nicolson books.

Midterm	300 pts. / 30%
Final	300 pts. / 30%
Fraser quiz	50 pts. / 5%
Nicolson quiz	50 pts. / 5%
Book review	75 pts. / 7.5%
Historical novel review	75 pts. / 7.5%
Film Critique	150 pts. / 15%
TOTAL	1000 pts. / 100%

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900-1000	A
800-899	B
700-799	C
600-699	D

Course Timeline

NOTE: All chapter assignments are to Bucholz and Key.

AUGUST

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| 23 | Introduction and Setting; The Tudors and the Wars of the Roses. (ch. 1) |
| 30 | Reign of Henry VII and the early years of Henry VIII (ch. 2) |

SEPTEMBER

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| 6 | Era of Wolsey, King's Great Matter, and Sir Thomas More |
| 13 | 13 The Age of Thomas Cromwell. (ch. 3) Book Review Due. |
| 20 | Fall of Cromwell and Henry VIII's last days. (QUIZ on Fraser) Edward VI's reign and Protector Somerset |
| 27 | Fall of Northumberland and Queen Mary's early years. Marian Persecution and Protestant Reformation. |

OCTOBER

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| 4 | Elizabethan Settlement and the 1560s and Foreign Policy (ch. 4) |
| 11 | Tudor-Stuart Film |
| 18 | MIDTERM |
| 25 | Elizabethan and Jacobean Church (chs. 5-6) QUIZ on Nicolson |

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | The Reign of James I and the Politics of the 1620s (ch. 7) |
| 8 | Charles I's Personal Rule and Outbreak of the Civil War (ch. 8)
Historical Novel Review Due. |
| 15 | Civil War, Commonwealth, Republic and Restoration (ch. 9) |
| 29 | Charles II and James II reigns (ch. 10 and Conclusion) Film Critique Due |

DECEMBER

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| 6 | FINAL at 1:00 pm |
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