

## History 327 England to 1660

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This course is a survey of English history from early times until 1660. It is designed to convey a sense of the grand sweep of English civilization, rather than to provide a detailed analysis of every period. What matters most is your understanding of what happened and why, what men and women did and thought, what ideas, forces, and personalities shaped the development of England and its neighbors. The course is also designed to improve student's historical skills, with emphasis on analysis, writing, and developing and supporting a thesis.

### Course requirements:

Reading: The following books are required reading for the course. They are available in the Cadet Store and should be read according to the schedule below. The day's reading should be done before coming to class.

C. Warren Hollister, et. al., *The Making of England to 1399*  
Lacey Baldwin Smith, *This Realm of England*  
Richard Fletcher, *Bloodfeud*  
Robert Baldwin, *The Hanged Man*  
Christopher Haigh, *Elizabeth I*

Tests: There will be three tests in this course; two during the semester and one at the end. Tests will consist of essays and identifications, and will cover lectures, readings and class discussions. They will be given according to the schedule below. Each test counts 20% of your course grade. **If you need to reschedule a test, please contact the professor in advance. Scheduled tests are considered mandatory formations, and make-ups will only be given with a note from a doctor or other appropriate official. If you become ill on the day of the test, you should contact the professor as soon as possible.**

Reflection papers: For each of the three supplementary readings (Fletcher, Baldwin, Haigh) students will be asked to write an informal, one-page paper on a question posed by the professor. These papers will be due at the beginning of class on the day the book is discussed in class. The average of the grades on these three papers will count 10% of the semester grade.

Research paper. Each student will choose a topic dealing with the history of England from Celtic times until 1660 (some topics relating to Scotland, Ireland or Wales may also be chosen) and write a 15 page paper based on at least five books. Students should consider this a semester-long project, and parts of it will be due throughout the semester, as noted below. Failure to turn in a paper topic and bibliography will result in the loss of half a letter grade on the paper grade. The paper will comprise a total of 20% of your

final grade. **Papers will be due on Dec. 4; late papers will lose half a letter grade for every day they are late.**

Class participation: 10% of your course grade will be based on your participation in class. This includes attendance, alertness, willingness to take part in discussion, and performance on possible quizzes. As you know, The Citadel has a mandatory attendance policy, and attendance will be taken and recorded each class. Although the Commandant's Office can sometimes excuse students from the military penalties for missing class, it cannot excuse them from the academic penalties. Missing more than three classes for any reason other than illness or family emergency will have negative effects on your class participation grade.

### **Class Schedule**

Aug. 26 – introduction

Aug. 28 – Celts and Romans

**Reading:** Hollister, chap. 1

Aug. 31-Sep. 4 – Anglo-Saxons

**Reading:** Hollister, chaps. 2, 3  
Fletcher, chaps, 1-8

Sep. 7-14 – 1066

**Reading:** Hollister, chap. 4  
Fletcher, chap. 9-10

Sep. 16- **Reading:** *Bloodfeud*

**Reflection paper due**

Sep. 18 – Bayeux Tapestry

Sep. 21 – Early Normans

**Reading:** Hollister, chap. 5

Sep. 23-35 – Henry II

**Reading:** Hollister, chap. 6

Sep. 28-30 – Community of the Realm

**Reading:** Hollister, chap. 7, 8

Oct. 2 – **TEST #1**

Oct. 5- 7 – Edward I

**Reading:** Hollister, chap. 9

**Paper topic due, Oct. 7**

Oct. 9 – Edward II

**Reading:** Hollister, chap. 10

Oct. 12 – **Reading:** *The Hanged Man*

**Reflection paper due**

Oct. 14-19 – Late Middle Ages

**Reading:** Smith, chaps. 1, 2

Oct. 21- Wars of the Roses

**Reading:** Smith, chap. 3

Oct. 23 – Henry VII

**Reading:** Smith, chaps. 4, 5

Oct. 26-28 – Henry VIII

**Reading:** Smith, chaps. 6, 7

Oct. 30 – **TEST #2**

Nov. 2 – the “Little Tudors”

**Reading:** Smith, chap. 8

Nov. 4 – 11 – Elizabeth I

**Reading:** Smith, chaps. 9, 10

**Bibliography due, Nov. 4**

Nov. 14 – **Reading:** *Elizabeth I*

**Reflection paper due**

Nov. 16 – James I

**Reading:** Smith, chap. 11

Nov. 18-20 – Charles I and the road to war

**Reading:** Smith, chap. 12

Nov. 23- 27 – Thanksgiving break

Nov. 30 – Dec. 4 – Civil War

**Reading:** chap. 13

**Research paper due, Dec. 4**

Dec. 7 – Review