History 424 Stuart England

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Course Description: This course will cover a variety of cultural, political, constitutional, and social topics primarily in seventeenth-century England but also touches upon Ireland and Scotland. It is composed of lectures and discussions, including formally assigned ones. The material will be divided into three chronological parts: I. 1603-1621 II. 1621-1660 and III. 1660-1714.

Required Books
Mark Kishlansky, *A Monarchy Transformed*
Colin Mitchell, *Sir Thomas Roe and the Mughal Empire*
T. C. Barnard, *Cromwellian Ireland*
Daniel Defoe, *A Journal of the Plague Year*

Essay Examinations: 1. February 20 (100 points)
2. April 2 (100 points)
3. May 12 7:40 a.m. (120 points)

Papers on Required Readings
1. February 23 on Mitchell (50 points)
2. April 5 on Barnard (50 points)
3. May 3 on Defoe/Henty (75 points)

Topics covered and Reading Assignments:

Section I: 1603-1621
Kishlansky, pp. 1-102
Complete Mitchell

January 21 Introduction
January 23 Library Day
January 26 Scotland
January 28 English Society
January 30 English Society
February 2 Church of England
February 4 Salisbury
February 6 Parliamentary Conflict
February 9 Local Government
February 11 Sir Edward Coke
February 13 Jacobean Trade
February 16 Insolvency
February 18 Foreign Relations
February 20 Examination on lectures, readings,
February 23 Discussion and Essay

Section II: 1621-1660
Kishlansky, pp. 102-220
Complete Barnard
February 25 Buckingham
February 27 Parliament
March 1 Finances
March 3 Arminianism
March 5 Colonialism I
March 8 Colonialism II
March 10 Scotland and Ireland
March 12 Civil War
March 14-21 Spring Break
March 22 Interregnum
March 24 Interregnum
March 26 Impact of Civil War
March 29 Why War?
March 32 Why War?
April 2 Examination on lectures, readings,
April 5 Discussion and Essay

Section III: 1660-1713
Kishlansky, pp. 220-342
Complete Henty and DeFoe
April 7 Restoration
April 9 Foreign Affairs
April 12 Foreign Affairs
April 14 Trade
April 16 Constitution
April 19 Constitution
April 21 Discussion on. And Essay due
April 23 Foreign Affairs
April 26 Foreign Affairs
April 28 Science and Religion
April 30 Political Theory
May 3 Discussion and Essay on

Policies:
Attendance will not be taken but you will be rested on lecture material and discussions. Class attendance is, therefore, strongly recommended. Please try not to be late for class. If you must
leave early, please notify me and then sit close to the exit. I do not expect any student to ask for this privilege often. If you have a scheduling conflict, then enroll in another class.

Plagiarism, the using of ideas or writings of other persons as your own, will not be tolerated and will result in losing all credit for the assignment. It may lead to expulsion from class. If you do use another’s ideas or phraseology, please make the proper citation.

Examinations and Essays
Please make every effort to take the examinations on the assigned day. The due dates of examinations are provided in the syllabus and you are responsible for those dates. If you must be excused, please have an explanation in writing as to the funeral you must attend or of the illness that you have suffered. Keep in mind that a make-up examination might well be more difficult than the one given in the classroom. You will have to take any make-up examination at my convenience, usually during my office hours.

All assigned books are required reading. You will be required to write a short paper on each of the special topics books. These are required and you will be penalized 3 points for each day that they are late (excluding weekends). They must be typed and double-spaced and the required length (either 500 or 1000 words). A 12-point font should be used. They should utilize correct grammar. Points will be deducted for poor grammar and style as well as for inadequate content.

Grading:
- Papers 175
- Mid-term 100
- Second Exam 100
- Final Exam 120
Total 445

90% to 100% A
80% to 89% B
70% to 79% C
60% to 69% D
0% to 59% E

Incompletes are not automatic rights. Only in emergency circumstances will an incomplete by given and then only if the student has completed at least two-thirds of the class requirements. You must apply to me directly for that privilege.

The syllabus is subject to change and it is the student's responsibility to find out about those changes.
Essays on Special Topics Books and Extra Reading

These must be typed. Handwritten papers will be returned for typing.

The first two essays on the special topics books should be 750 words (approximately three pages). The comparative essay should be 1000 words (approximately four pages). Please maintain this length. Points will be deducted for very short or for extremely long papers.

Late penalty. 3 points for each day of the week, excluding the weekends, the papers are late.

Structure:

I. A title page. Give your name and bibliographical information about the book. Please do not use plastic binders. For example:

II. Introduction and statement of purpose, i.e., Tell me about the book you plan to discuss and identify the three topics you have chosen. (Deduction of up to 10 points if not included).

III. Text: discuss the topics in the order in which they are listed in your statement of purpose. (Deduction of up to 10 points if these instructions are not followed).

IV. Summary. Briefly repeat the statement of purpose. For example, Howorth’s book on the conquest in which he explored the conqueror’s motivation, the timing of his invasion, and the impact of his success, was enjoyable to read. (Deduction of up to 5 points if missing.)

V. Conclusion. This is an opinion about the book as well as about other material in it. In the summary above, the phrase “was enjoyable to read” was a conclusion. You might not wish to be so charitable. Be sure you understand the difference between a conclusion and a summary and include both. (Deduction of up to 5 points if conclusion is not done properly).

We cannot spend inordinate time in the classroom discussing paper structure. You should begin to write the paper at least a week before it is due. You need to do at least one complete revision. If you have problems, then come talk to me about those problems. If my office hours are scheduled at a time that it is difficult for you, then ask me after class for a special appointment.