



HIST 430: THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays @ 1:00 a.m. in CSB 277

Dr. Myers' Fall 2015 Office Hours

Mondays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

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Course Description

This senior-level survey course will cover this history of the British Empire from the American Revolution through decolonization in the 20th century in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas, as well as their extensive Pacific holdings including Australia and New Zealand.

Required Reading

- ❖ *At Home With Empire: Metropolitan Culture and the Imperial World* ed. by Catherine Hall & Sonya Rose
- ❖ *British culture and the end of empire* ed. by Stuart Ward
- ❖ *Empire: The British Imperial Experience from 1765 to the Present* by Denis Judd
- ❖ *For All the Tea in China: How England Stole the World's Favorite Drink...* by Sarah Rose
- ❖ Optional: *The Penguin Historical Atlas of the British Empire* by Nigel Dalziel

Additional Readings will be handed out or may need to be accessed by students at the course webpage – <http://cdmyers.info/HIST430Fall.html> – which will be updated as needed during the term.

Evaluation & Class Participation

- ❖ Attendance & Participation – 10% (continuously assessed; punctuality matters too)
- ❖ Quiz on The United Kingdom Explained... – 5% (Wednesday 2 September)
- ❖ Leading Class Discussion x 2 – 5% each (dates will vary; once before Fall Break, once after)
- ❖ Midterm Exam – 20% (Wednesday 14 October)
- ❖ Colony Profile – 10% (Friday 6 November)
- ❖ Movie Analysis – 15% (Wednesday 9 December)
- ❖ Final Exam – 30% (Wednesday 16 December @ 11:00 a.m.)

Without question you should be in class every day, ready to learn. Should you fall ill, break your leg, or have another serious dilemma that prevents your attendance, you are responsible for politely asking a classmate if you can **HAND-COPY** their notes (do not forget to say thank you!). Additionally, you should set up a time to go over missed material with Dr. Myers at the earliest possible opportunity.

Also note: All assignments must be completed for you to earn a passing grade in this course. You should also keep in mind that you will lose 10 pts. per day an assignment is late/exam or quiz is taken late.

Grading Scale

A = 100%-93%	B = 86.9%-83%	C = 76.9%-73%	D = 66.9%-63%
A- = 92.9%-90%	B- = 82.9%-80%	C- = 72.9%-70%	D- = 62.9%-60%
B+ = 89.9%-87%	C+ = 79.9%-77%	D+ = 69.9%-67%	F = below 60%

!!! Important Notes !!!

Please silence all cell phones before class starts, and leave them in your bag/coat/purse...so no text messaging at any time either! During tests, you may not have on headphones of any type, for any reason.

Students at Monmouth are all expected to read and abide by the Scots Guide Student Handbook (available online at <http://www.monmouthcollege.edu/life/residence-life/scots-guide>), and should pay special attention to the Academic Regulations dealing with Academic Honesty and violations thereof, listed below in bold (*with my comments following each*):

1. **Cheating on tests, labs, etc;** (*This includes bringing in cheat sheets in any form, looking at a neighbor's test, talking during the test, or accessing online materials during a test.*)
2. **Plagiarism, i.e., using the words, ideas, writing, or work of another without giving appropriate credit;** (*You will get a citation guide with your paper assignments that you should be able to follow easily. If you have any questions about how to cite a source at anytime, be sure to ask!*)
3. **Improper collaboration between students, i.e., not doing one's own work on outside assignments specified as group projects by the instructor;** (*If you have questions about when studying together becomes "improper collaboration" be sure to ask. As a general rule, you should make sure you separate yourself from your classmates before you start writing an assignment so that you can be certain it is in your own words and no one else's.*)
4. **Submitting work previously submitted in another course, without previous authorization by the instructor.** (*If you have done an assignment in another course that you think would work well for one in this course, it is not inconceivable that I would give you permission to reuse it...with revisions. Set up a time with me to discuss/negotiate the possibility.*)

All instructors at Monmouth are required to follow the procedures noted in the Student Handbook in regard to violations of the Academic Honesty Policy. It is incumbent upon you to remember the final portion of the Philosophical Statement regarding Academic Honesty: "Any breach of the academic honesty policy – either intentionally or unintentionally - will be taken seriously and may result not only in failure in the course, but in suspension or expulsion from the College. It is each student's responsibility to read, understand and comply with the general academic honesty policy at Monmouth College, as defined here in the Scots Guide, and to the specific guidelines for each course, as elaborated on the professor's syllabus."

Any student eligible for and needing academic adjustments or accommodations because of a disability should speak with Dr. Myers during the first two weeks of class and get in touch with the Teaching and Learning Center on the 2nd floor of Poling Hall, 309-457-2257.

If you have questions or concerns at any point during the course, please come to see me during office hours or make an appointment with me to have a discussion. I am better able to help you learn if I know what help you need.

Class Schedule

Date	Topics to be covered	Assignments & Readings
Wednesday 26 Aug 15	Introduction & The United Kingdom Explained...	
Friday 28 Aug 15	How to approach the study of the British Empire?	Judd, Chapters 1 & 2
Monday 31 Aug 15	Cultural Imperialism	<i>At Home with the Empire</i> , Chapter 1
Wednesday 2 Sept 15	Quiz on The United Kingdom Explained...	Study!
Friday 4 Sept 15	Australia & Ireland	Judd, Chapters 3 & 4
Monday 7 Sept 15	Empire and economy in the 1830s & 1840s	Judd, Chapters 5 & 6
Wednesday 9 Sept 15	Britain's internal 'others'... DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>At Home with the Empire</i> , Chapter 3
Friday 11 Sept 15	At home with...Ireland DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>At Home with the Empire</i> , Chapter 4
Monday 14 Sept 15	Indian & Jamaican Rebellions	Judd, Chapters 7 & 8
Wednesday 16 Sept 15	Sexuality and empire DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>At Home with the Empire</i> , Chapter 6

Friday 18 Sept 15	Religion and empire DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>At Home with the Empire</i> , Chapter 7
Monday 21 Sept 15	The British in Africa	Judd, Chapters 9 & 10
Wednesday 23 Sept 15	Consumption and empire DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>At Home with the Empire</i> , Chapter 8
Friday 25 Sept 15	Imperial politics DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>At Home with the Empire</i> , Chapter 10
Monday 28 Sept 15	Imperial espionage	<i>For All the Tea in China</i> , pp. 1-82
Wednesday 30 Sept 15	Imperial espionage	<i>For All the Tea in China</i> , pp. 83-135
Friday 2 Oct 15	Imperial espionage	<i>For All the Tea in China</i> , pp. 136-245
Monday 5 Oct 15	Assessing the Empire at the end of Victoria's reign	Judd, Chapters 11 & 12
Wednesday 7 Oct 15	...women activists in imperial Britain... DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>At Home with the Empire</i> , Chapter 11
Friday 9 Oct 15	Citizenship and empire DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>At Home with the Empire</i> , Chapter 13

Monday 12 Oct 15	Review Day	
Wednesday 14 Oct 15	Midterm Exam	Study!
Friday 16 Oct 15	No class...	Fall Break!
Monday 19 Oct 15	No class...	Fall Break!
Wednesday 21 Oct 15	Imperial ideals...for girls DISCUSSION LEADER:	Reading to be handed out...
Friday 23 Oct 15	Imperial ideals...for boys DISCUSSION LEADER:	Judd, Chapter 16
Monday 26 Oct 15	The Empire before the Great War	Judd, Chapters 17 & 18
Wednesday 28 Oct 15	No class...	Mentoring Day!
Friday 30 Oct 15	Impact of WWI on the Empire	Judd, Chapters 19 & 20
Monday 2 Nov 15	The Empire in the 1920s	Judd, Chapters 21 & 22
Wednesday 4 Nov 15	Imperial legacies... DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>British culture</i> , Chapter Eight

Friday 6 Nov 15	No class...	Colony Profile Due @ Midnight
Monday 9 Nov 15	The Empire in the 1930s	Judd, Chapter 23
Wednesday 11 Nov 15	The Empire during WWII	Judd, Chapter 24
Friday 13 Nov 15	The Partition of India, 1947	Judd, Chapter 25
Monday 16 Nov 15	The Suez Crisis of 1956	Judd, Chapter 27
Wednesday 18 Nov 15	“Coronation Everest” DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>British culture</i> , Chapter Three
Friday 20 Nov 15	English cricket and decolonisation DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>British culture</i> , Chapter Six
Monday 23 Nov 15	The Empire in the 1960s & 70s	Judd, Chapters 28 & 29
Wednesday 25 Nov 15	No class...	Thanksgiving Break!
Friday 27 Nov 15	No class...	Thanksgiving Break!
Monday 30 Nov 15	The Falklands War DISCUSSION LEADER:	Judd, Chapter 30 <i>Outposts</i> , Chapter 10 – handed out

Wednesday 2 Dec 15	British travel and tourism in the post-imperial world DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>British culture</i> , Chapter Nine
Friday 4 Dec 15	"India, Inc.?" DISCUSSION LEADER:	<i>British culture</i> , Chapter Twelve
Monday 7 Dec 15	The 21 st -Century Commonwealth	Readings TBD
Wednesday 9 Dec 15	Review Day	Movie Analysis Due @ Midnight
Wednesday 16 Dec 15	Final Exam @ 11:00 a.m.	Study!

Course work expectations for Monmouth's 4-4 Course System

Hours per week in class
Hours per week reading/reviewing/studying
Hours per week working on assignments
Total hours per week

= 2.5 hours
= 4 hours
= 3.5 hours
= 10 hours

