

The University of Texas at Tyler
Fall Semester 2017
HIST 5397 – Medieval England
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Office Hours: T, Th 4:30-6:00pm

Course Overview and Student Learning Outcomes:

We will study the major aspects of Roman Britain and its transformation into the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. We will cover the impact of the Norman Conquest and the Angevin monarchy. We will explore the role of the church as well as the lives of the common folk. Finally, we will look at the Hundred Years War from the perspective of the famous warrior-king Henry V, the last of the great medieval English monarchs

Course Requirements and Grading Policy:

Your grade will be based mainly on written reviews of the books we are reading. Each paper is worth 10% of your total grade (six reviews totaling 60%), a comprehensive essay will be worth 30% and finally 10% for attendance and participation. Papers should be roughly 4-6 pages in length and should address the book's thesis and how well it proves its case. The comprehensive essay will be a retrospective comparison of all seven books. Late papers will not be accepted unless there is official documentation of a family or medical emergency.

Final Withdrawal Date: Monday, November 6

Required Books:

Ryan and Higham, The Anglo-Saxon World (Yale)
ISBN 9780300216134

David Carpenter, The Struggle for Mastery (Penguin)
ISBN 978014018244

W.L. Warren, King John (California)
ISBN 9780520036437

Jocelyn of Brakelond, The Chronicle of the Abbey of Bury St. Edmunds (Oxford)
ISBN 9780199554935

J.R. Madicott, Simon de Montfort (Cambridge)
ISBN 9780521376365

Christopher Allmand, Henry V (Yale)
ISBN 9780300073704

Barbara Hanawalt, The Ties that Bound (Oxford)
ISBN 9780195045642

Calendar of Meetings and Assignments:

Aug. 31– Introduction

Sept. 7 – Discussion of Higham & Ryan, pages 1-231

Sept. 14 – Discussion of Higham & Ryan, pages 232-440; book review due

Sept. 21 – Discussion of Carpenter, pages 1-262

Sept. 28 – Discussion of Carpenter, pages 263-530

Oct. 5 - Discussion of Jocelyn; book review due

Oct. 12 – No Meeting

Oct. 19 – Discussion of Warren; book review due

Oct. 26 – No Meeting

Nov. 2 – Discussion of Madicott; book review due

Nov. 9 – Discussion of Hanawalt; book review due

Nov. 16 – No Meeting

Nov. 23 – No Meeting

Nov. 30 – Discussion of Allmand; book review due

Dec. 7 – Comprehensive Essays due

Additional University Policies:

For a number of other important UT-Tyler policies, please see the following:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/academicaffairs/files/syllabuspolicy.pdf>