Overview and Learning Outcomes:
This is a survey of English history in the early modern period. Our goal is to understand the transition of England from a small kingdom to a great power and from a medieval to an early modern society. We will also cover the following topics:
- The rise to supremacy of the Tudor Dynasty
- The reign of Henry VII and the mid-Tudor crisis
- The impact of the Elizabeth I

Course Requirements and Grading Policy:
Midterm Exam and Final Exam, each worth 100 points
Term paper, also worth 100 points
270-300 points = A 180-209 points = D
240-269 points = B 180-0 points = F
210-239 points = C

No make-ups unless there is an officially documented medical or family emergency.

Required Books: Brigden, New Worlds, Lost Worlds
Wood, The Story of England

Calendar:

July 14-18: Medieval England and the Rise of the Tudors
Reading: Brigden, Prologue and Chs. 1-3; Wood, chs. 1-4

July 21-25 The Reign of Henry VIII
Reading: Brigden, chs. 4-5; Wood, chs. 5-7
Midterm, Friday July 25

July 25-Aug. 1 The Mid-Tudor Crisis
Reading: Brigden, chs. 6-7; Wood, chs. 8-11

Aug. 4-8 The Reign of Elizabeth I
Reading: Brigden, chs. 8-11; Wood, chs. 12-14
Term Paper Due Friday, Aug. 4

Aug. 11 Final Exam, Monday August 11
Term Paper Directions:

Read Michael Wood, *The Story of England*, chapters 1-14. In a roughly 5 page paper explain how the village of Kibworth is affected locally by some of the events which are affecting England all across the kingdom. Give particular attention to Chapter 14, “The Reformation in Kibworth.”

No outside reading or bibliography is necessary and give embedded citations using the MLA style. For example: (Wood, 105).

The paper is due on Friday, August 4. No late papers will be accepted.
Later Medieval England and the Rise of the Tudors

Roman Britain
Anglo-Saxon England
The Norman Conquest, 1066
Social Structure
The Church in England

Monarchy and Government
  Anglo-Norman Feudalism
  The Great Chain of Being
  Magna Carta, 1215
  The Model Parliament, 1295
  Local Government: Sheriffs and JPs

The Hundred Years War, 1337-1453
  Indentures and Retainers (Bastard Feudalism)

The Wars of the Roses, 1455-1485
  King Henry VI
  Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick (the “kingmaker”)
  Retainers and Liveries
  Edward IV and the Duke of Gloucester (Richard III)
  The “Princes in the Tower”
  Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond (Henry VII)

The Reign of Henry VII, 1485-1509
  Origin of the Tudors
  The Road to Bosworth Field
  Opposition and Pretenders to the Throne
  Security and Administration
    The Privy Council and Regional Councils
    Statute Against Liveries, 1487
  Financial Policies: Taxation, Trade and Enclosures
  Foreign Policy – Prince Arthur and Princess Katherine of Aragon
  Political Culture
    Sir John Fortescue
    Empson and Dudley