

Course Title	British Thought and Culture TCE210	Instructor(s)	Felix A. Jiménez Botta
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Class Style	Lecture	Office Hours	3 rd Period Monday-Wednesdays
Track	English Education (TC)	Mode of Instruction	Solo
Credits	2	Allocated Year	Spring 3 rd Year
Active Learning	Category 3-2,3,4 Category 4- 1,2,3,7,8,9,10.	Compulsory or Elective	Required for the TC Track
Course Overview	<p>The first part of this course will trace the history of Britain's economic and imperial rise from the mid-17th and into the 19th century. We will discuss ideas about rights, society, and economics. Then, we will analyze the process of industrialization of the British Isles by embedding it into its imperial context.</p> <p>Then we unit will analyze the impact of scientific thought and the rise of imperialist ideology in the latter 19th century. We will also discuss the thought of Fukuzawa Yukichi and the impact of British and western thought on him and others like him, and on the modernization of Japan during the Bakumatsu and Meiji periods.</p> <p>The class will be heavily discussion-based and proper preparation is imperative to pass the course. To be able to do that all students will be required to maintain a reading/note-taking journal throughout the semester. This journal will be worth 15%, or 1 point per class. Moreover, there will be a midterm exam and a final exam.</p>		
Course Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1) To understand the texts and key religious and historical concepts. 2. 2) To learn how to ask and answer analytical questions. 3. 3) Enhance student's abilities to create, develop, and test original arguments. 		
Prerequisite			
Course Schedule	No	Contents	Homework
	1	Introduction to the course	Discuss syllabus and course objectives. Discuss reading techniques and nature of assignments
	2	British social hierarchy in the 17 th century. Migration to the New World. Settler Colonialism, Relations with Native Americans, and African Slavery.	Interactive lecture Group work. Think-pair-share.
	3	Mercantilism, "British Liberties," and the American Revolution.	Interactive lecture Group work. Think-pair-share
	4	The French Revolution: Edmund Burke vs. Thomas Paine & Mary Wollstonecraft	Interactive lecture Group work. Think-pair-share
	5	British Capitalism and the great Divergence: The Conquest of India.	Interactive lecture Group work
	6	British Capitalism and the Great Divergence: The Opium Wars.	Interactive lecture Group work
	7	Basic ideas about Victorian Society: Gender, Class, and Race.	Interactive lecture Group work Think-pair-share
	8	Midterm Exam	
	9	Science, ideology, imperialism Charles Darwin	Interactive lecture Group work
	10	The gender of imperialism: Baden-Powell, the Boy Scouts, and the girl	Interactive lecture

	scouts	Group work
11	The debate about British colonialism in India.	Interactive lecture Group work
12	Japan's reaction to the Victorian Era: Fukuzawa Yukichi and Tanizaki Jun'ichiro.	Interactive lecture Group work
13	Britain's imperial rivals in the late 19 th century: Russia, France, and Germany.	Read and analyze: Fukuzawas' "Datsu-A-Ron" and Tanizaki, "In Praise of Shadows" Interactive lecture Group work
14	World War One and the British Empire	Interactive lecture Group work
15	The decline and collapse of the British Empire in the 20 th century	Interactive lecture Group work
	Final Exam	Study for final exam.
Grading	Group discussions, participation, and worksheets: 35% / Notebook w/ all lecture notes: 15%/ Midterm Exam: 25%/ Final Exam 25%.	
Textbooks	All readings will be provided by the instructor on Moodle.	
NOTES	Students will only be excused for illnesses (that must be verifiable), or exceptional circumstances. Your participation grade will be dropped if you are often late to class. Students who miss three classes without proper excuses will have to withdraw from the course. Late assignments are only accepted with a 1-week delay. The penalty will be 20% of the score.	