

HISTORY 330/430
British Imperialism
Fall 2017

Daniel R. Headrick, *The Tools of Empire* (Oxford, 1981)
E. M. Forster, *A Passage to India* (Harcourt Brace, 1965)
Jane Samson, *The British Empire* (Oxford, 2001)

Most of the additional readings for the course I have drawn from the definitive, five-volume *Oxford History of the British Empire* (1998-1999). These will be scanned and posted to Blackboard week by week as we proceed. But for those (like myself) who prefer to read the old-fashioned way, I have also placed all five volumes on two-hour reserve in Rush Rhees Library.

Course Requirements:

1. consistent reading, attendance, and class participation (30%)
2. formal research proposal, due October 25 (10%)
3. rough draft of research paper, due November 22 (10%)
4. one 15-20 page final research paper (50%)

A Note on the Papers: All papers for this class must be written in stylistic and editorial conformity with *The Chicago Manual of Style*. For an excellent writing manual that is consistent with Chicago style, see Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. For a guide that is particular to writing history papers, see William Kelleher Storey, *Writing History: A Guide for Students*. For two timeless guides to written English, see William Strunk and E. B. White, *The Elements of Style* and Christopher Lasch, *Plain Style*. I will expect all papers in this class to adhere to the principles of composition laid down in these books. I am of course available myself at all times for help with writing, as are the consultants at the College Writing and Speaking Center in Rush Rhees Library. See

Class Schedule

This is a *tentative* class schedule as of the start of the semester. I reserve the right to make changes to this schedule and to add to the reading assignments as needed as we go along. The only way to stay on top of the schedule is to come to class regularly and to pay attention to any e-mails and announcements coming from me.

September 11: Introduction and Orientation

* Ashley Jackson, *The British Empire: A Very Short Introduction*

September 18: The Origins of the British Empire

The Oxford History of the British Empire, Vol. I, pp. 1-33.

* Linda Colley, *Captives: Britain, Empire, and the World*

October 16 Technology and Empire

* Daniel R. Headrick, *The Tools of Empire: Technology and European Imperialism in the Nineteenth Century*.

October 23: Reform, Rebellion, and

* Selected documents from Samson, ed. *The British Empire*, Part 4

November 20: Interlude: Passages to India

* E. M. Forster, *A Passage to India* (1924)

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