

HSTR 313A: BRITAIN'S RISE TO WORLD POWER, 1689-1837 (Autumn 2019)

Subject to change

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Course description:

This course explores the emergence of “Great Britain” and its rapid ascent as a military, economic and political power during the century-and-a-half between the Glorious Revolution of 1689 and Queen Victoria’s accession to the throne in 1837. Topics include:

- the rapid expansion of Britain’s overseas empire
- the enormous economic transformation known as “the Industrial Revolution”
- the changing balance of moral, economic and political power between traditional landed ruling elites and the emerging middle classes
- the declining power of monarchs and the growing power of parliament and cabinet

Proposed assignments:

Three Short Analytical Papers (1,000-words each)	25% each	75%
One Final Exam (two hours)		25%

Proposed reading list:

Paul Kléber Monod, *Imperial Island: A History of Britain and Its Empire, 1660-1837* (Wiley, 2009)
& Articles posted on “Course Spaces”