

History 103F
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The Conquest of India

Requirements: Do the weekly readings and write three 5-page papers to be presented orally in class in the course of the semester.

Class members should write a response to every weekly reading and should send them the night before class meetings to the instructor and class members as an email attachment.

28 Aug Introduction: How did the British Conquer India? As an Intellectual problem

4 Sept The Conquest of India by Governmentality

Reading: Michel Foucault, Chapter 5, **Power Knowledge**
and “The Subject and Power, “

11 Sept Conquest of India as Discourse

Reading: Peter Marshall, “Introduction, in his **The Eighteenth Century in Indian History**
Burton Stein, **History of India**, pp. 201-221.

18 Sept British Conquest of India by Indians Themselves I

Reading: Karen Leonard. “‘The Great Firm’ Theory of the Decline of the Mughal Empire”

25 Sept British Conquest of India by Indians Themselves II

Reading: Mohandas Gandhi, **Hind Swaraj** (Parel ed.), pp. 5-57 and
Michel Foucault, “The Ethics of the Concern for Self as a Practice of Freedom”

Oct 2 British Conquest of India by Indian Women

Reading: Durba Ghosh, **Sex and the Family in Colonial India**, pp. 1-132.

Oct 9 Conquest by Violence and Deceit

Reading: Sushil Chaudhury, **The Prelude to Empire: Plassey Revolution of 1757**

- Oct 16 Burke and the Acceptance of Empire I
Reading: Nicholas Dirks, **The Scandal of Empire**, pp. ix-165.
- Oct 23 Burke and the Acceptance of Empire II
Reading: Nicholas Dirks, **The Scandal of Empire**, pp. 167- 336
- October 30 Hindu Ascetics and Fighting for the British-Indian State
Reading: Vijay Pinch, **Warrior Ascetics and Indian Empires**, pp. 1-147.
- Nov. 6 Conquest by Knowledges
Reading: Partha Chatterjee, **Nationalism and the Colonial World**
- Nov 13 The English Language as Conquest
Reading: Thomas Macaulay on the Virtues of Studying English,
[http://www.english.ucsb.edu/faculty/rraley/research/english/macaulay.htm](http://www.english.ucsb.edu/faculty/rraley/research/english/macaulay.html)
Mohandas Gandhi, **Hind Swaraj**, pp. 58-119.
- Nov. 20 The Joys of Learning English
Reading, Vasant Moon, **Growing up Untouchable in India**, Oxford Paper
- Nov 29 Nationalism as Coercion I
Reading, David Hardiman, **Gandhi in His Time and Ours**, Chapters 3-4
- Dec 6 Nationalism as Coercion II
“Reading”: Film: “Ram ke Nam hai,” “In the name of God.” Media Resources Center, video, C 2612