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Course Goals: This course is a survey of the British Empire from its rise in the 17th century to its demise in the 20th century. It will address several major themes, which can be posed as questions: (1) what forces drove imperial expansion? (2) What impact did imperial rule have on subject peoples? (3) What were the benefits and burdens of empire for Britain? (4) What caused decolonization and the retreat from empire? (5) What were the long-term consequences of empire for Britain and the lands it colonized? Efforts will be made to touch on the historical experience of every major region of the world that came under British imperial rule or influence. Thematic issues such as the relationship between empire and gender, the impact of empire on the environment, and the imperial construction of racial difference will be addressed as well.

Required Readings:

Philippa Levine, *The British Empire*
 Linda Colley, *Captives*
 Inga Clendinnen, *Dancing With Strangers*
 Thomas Metcalf, *Ideologies of the Raj*
 Alan Ward, *The Easter Rising*
 Christopher Catherwood, *Churchill's Folly*
 David Arnold, *Gandhi*

Date	Topic	Readings
Sept 4	Introduction	Levine, ch.1
Sept 6	The British Empire & the Biosphere	
Sept 11	The Roots of Expansion	Levine, ch.2
Sept 13	The Old Colonial System	Colley, intro, part 1
Sept 18	The Impact of Revolution	Levine, ch.3
Sept 20	Evangelicalism & Abolition	Colley, part 2
Sept 25	The Conquest of India	Levine, ch.5
Sept 27	The Indian Mutiny/Rebellion	Colley, part 3; Metcalf, ch.1-2
Oct 2	China & the Opium Wars	Levine, ch.4
Oct 4	Australia & New Zealand (First Paper Due)	Clendinnen, entire
Oct 9	Durham & the Canadian Dilemma	Levine, ch.6
Oct 11	Ireland from Union to the Aftermath of Famine	Ward, ch.1-6

Oct 16	Briton, Boer, and Bantu in South Africa	
Oct 18	Midterm Exam	
Oct 23	Explorers & Missionaries in Africa	Levine, ch.7
Oct 25	Scramble for Africa	Lugard, online at http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1893lugard.html
Oct 30	Traditional Societies in Crisis	Levine, ch.8
Nov 1	Economics of Empire	Hobson, online at http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1902hobson.html
Nov 6	Ideology of Empire	Levine, ch.9
Nov 8	The Ruling Race	Metcalf, ch.3-6
Nov 13	The Boer War	Ward, ch.7-12
Nov 15	World War I	
Nov 20	Post-War Challenges	Catherwood, entire
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Holiday	
Nov 27	Gandhi & Indian Nationalism	Levine, ch.10
Nov 29	Palestine & the Middle East	Arnold, entire
Dec 4	Impact of World War II (Second Paper Due)	Levine, ch.11
Dec 6	Suez & the Winds of Change	

Course Requirements: This course will consist of lectures and discussions of assigned readings. It is important that you attend class, do the readings on schedule, and participate in discussions. Graded work will consist of two papers (20% each), a midterm exam (20%), a final exam (20%), other assignments (10%), and class participation (10%). The paper topics and other assignments will be announced during the semester.

Failure to meet the deadlines on assigned work will result in a grade penalty in the absence of documented proof of illness or other misfortune. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the Code of Academic integrity and the meaning of plagiarism.

Due Dates:

Thurs., Oct. 4—first paper

Thurs., Oct. 18—midterm exam

Tues., Dec. 4—second paper

Thurs., Dec. 20 (10:20-12:20)—this date and time is still tentative