

Programa de Actividades

Carrera: Licenciatura en Lengua Inglesa Año académico: 2017

Comisión: "C"

Turno: mañana

Obligación Académica: Historia de Gran Bretaña II

Duración: Anual

Asignación horaria: tres horas semanales

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1.- Objetivos de la Asignatura:

- . Que los alumnos conozcan los procesos históricos más significativos que tuvieron lugar en Gran Bretaña y en los Estados Unidos a partir del siglo XVII y hasta nuestros días.
- . Que relacionen tales eventos con los que tuvieron lugar contemporáneamente en el continente europeo.
- . Que ubiquen espacialmente los temas estudiados mediante el uso de mapas.
- . Que logren identificar factores políticos, sociales, económicos y culturales que interactúan en los procesos estudiados.
- . Que puedan detectar en los temas estudiados elementos condicionantes de fenómenos actuales.
- . Que incorporen el uso de documentos para alcanzar una mayor comprensión de tales procesos.

2.- Unidades temáticas:

- 1.- The Stuarts: tensions with Parliament. The Civil War. The Commonwealth. Colonial expansion: Westwards and eastwards. America. The Indian Ocean. Mercantilism. The Restoration. Parliamentary opposition to the Catholic line of succession. The "Glorious Revolution". William and Mary. Foreign policy. Queen Anne. The struggle with France. The Act of Succession to the throne.
- 2.- England under the Hanovers. The Age of Walpole. The structure of society. Trade and wealth. Finance and investment. The scandal of the South Sea Bubble. The development of the thirteen American colonies. Administration and economy. Science and culture. The Enlightenment. The Augustan Age. Local government and politics. The role of the Court.
- 3.- Colonial rivalries. Naval supremacy. Lord Chatham. The drive for Empire. The loss of the American colonies. Revolutionary theories. Foreign policies.

The agrarian and industrial revolutions. Social consequences.

John Wesley and the industrial proletarians. The "workshop of the world".

Adam Smith's "The wealth of nations". The school of Manchester.

- 4.- The impact of the French Revolution on Britain. The Napoleonic Empire.
The wars in the continent. Naval supremacy: opening of new battlefields.
The echoes in the United States: Federalists and anti-federalists proposals.
Downfall of Napoleon. The Congress of Vienna: conservatives and reactionaries.
The new map of Europe. British imperial design: strategic naval bases.
- 5.- Britain in the aftermath of war: social, economic and political conditions.
The international situation. The Holy Alliance: absolute monarchy and the principle of legitimacy. George Canning's new approach: the Latin American Independence.
The new Republican proposals in the United States: James Monroe: his foreign policy: the "Monroe Doctrine". New challenges in the party: Andrew Jackson.
- 6.- The forces of change. Philanthropism and the agitation for the abolition of slavery.
A new social balance: the growing importance of the working classes. The influence of utopian thinking. Robert Owen and co-operation. Beginnings of trade unionism. Factory Acts. The Reform Bill of 1832. The proposals of Chartism.
Territorial expansion of the United States: the frontier. The Democratic appeal.
- 7.- The fight for free trade. The repeal of the Corn Acts. The British political system as the inspiration for the revolutionary movements in the Continent. Foreign policy: the importance of the Eastern Mediterranean. Palmerston and the Crimean War.
The Texas issue: independence and annexation. The war with Mexico.
Growing tensions over slavery. The abolitionist movement and the new republicans
- 8.- Free trade and the world market. The importance of rail road building and capital investment overseas. The second Reform Bill. New political leadership. The growth of liberal socialism. Limitations to the "laissez faire" theories. Material progress. "Little Englandism". Disraeli and the new Tory Party. The Viceroyalty of India.
The deepening division of the American society: Secession and civil war.
- 9.- Towards a modern state. The roles of the Crown. Beginnings of social security.
Growth of the urban population: new demands. The technological challenges.
The leaders of the second industrial revolutions: unified Germany and the U.S.
British disadvantages: free trade vs. protectionism in the world market.
Neo-imperialism. The "scramble" for Africa. Expansion in the Far East.
10. Drifting towards war. The issues at stake. Systems of alliances. The first world war. The battlefronts. Revolution in Russia. Intervention of the United States.
The Paris conferences. Peace treaties with the defeated nations. Idealistic diplomacy vs. the realistic approach. Economic and financial consequences.
The League of Nations: its weaknesses. Nationalism and resentment. Ireland
11. The period between the wars. The international scene in the 1920's. Social issues:
The political advance of Labour. Unemployment and strikes. New dictatorships
And old democracies. Challenge to capitalism: fascism and communism.

The dangers of speculation: downfall of the Stock Exchange: depression and world crisis. Protectionistic policies. The Ottawa Conferences. Middle Eastern policies.

12. The failure of disarmament during the 1930's. The policy of appeasement. The second world war. The battle of Britain. American intervention. The conferences of the Allies' leaders. The future of Europe. Colonial twilight. Post-war Britain. Economic weakness. Social advances: Labour policies. Influence of the United States in Europe: the Marshall Plan and the Welfare State.

3.- Lecturas obligatorias

- . Estrin, Jack, *American history made simple*. Doubleday & Co. Inc. New York
- . Morgan, Kenneth. *The Oxford History of Britain*. Oxford University Press.
- . Thomson, David. *England in the XIX century*. The Pelikan History of England. 8, Penguin Books
- . Thomson, David. *England in the XX century*. Jonathan Cape.-

4. Bibliografía complementaria:

- . Adams, Robert M. *The land and literature of England. A historical account*. W.W.Norton & Co.1983.
- . Ashley, Maurice. *England in the XVIII century*. The Pelikan History of England, 6. Penguin Books.
- . Childs, David, *Britain since 1945. A political history*. Routledge, 1997.
- . Ensor, R.C.K. *England. 1870-1914*. Oxford University Press
- . Gladstone, David (ed). *Edwin Chadwick, Nineteenth Century Social Reform*, Routledge, 1994.
- . Grant Robertson, Charles. *England under the Hannoverians*. Methuen and Co. Ltd. London.
- . Jones, Maldwyn A. *The limits of liberty*. Oxford University Press. 1995.
- . Lively, Jack, Lively, Adam (ed) *Democracy in Britain*. A reader. Blackwell. 1994.
- . Nevins, Allen, Commager, A. *A pocket history of the United States*. Washington Square Press. Pocket Books, N.Y.
- . Robson, W. *Twentieth Century Britain*. Oxford University Press.

5.-Sistema de evaluación parcial:

Esta materia se promociona con 7 (siete) puntos. La evaluación depende de tres exámenes escritos parciales y un informe oral sobre alguno de los temas que no fueron cubiertos por los parciales.


6.- Sistema de evaluación final:

Rendirán examen final aquellos alumnos que no alcancen la nota de 7 (siete) puntos exigida para la promoción.

7.- Firma del Profesor:

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