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HISTORY 415

Fall, 2010

CONSUMPTION, CLASS, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND EMPIRE IN VICTORIAN BRITAIN

Wednesday, 13:00- 16:40

During the long nineteenth-century Britain emerged as one of the world's dynamic powers. This course will explore the themes of consumption, class and empire and their impact on Britain's economy, society and culture to 1914. It will also consider the impact of science and technology in shaping the British world at home and abroad.

Each class will begin with a short lecture to set the context for that week's readings. Visual and digital materials (videos etc) will be frequently employed to highlight important historical themes. The majority of each class will be devoted to discussion of that week's readings in small groups and a full class environment. Seminar discussions will allow students to exchange ideas and explore the significance of the material for understanding the impact of consumption, class and empire on the economy and society of the Victorian world and how science and technology influenced Britain during the long nineteenth-century.

Course Books:

George and Weedon Grossmith, **Diary of a Nobody**.
ed. James R. Simmons jr., **Factory Lives: Four Nineteenth-Century
Working-Class Autobiographies**.
Gertrude Colmore, **Suffragette Sally**.
Additional reading from UFV and other digital databases.

Grading:

Reading Assignments: 10%
Participation: 20%
Film Review Paper: 10%
Term Paper: 40%
Final Exam: 20%