As was stressed in the course outline, this is not a text-book course; and therefore there are no prescribed textbooks for which you will be responsible on the final examination. I did, however, recommend the following books, which would appear to be standard textbooks, as supplementary aids to guide you in what are the prescribed readings for the course, and in the lectures. The most important are:


Prescribed Readings:

You are instead expected to do some of the readings for the **FIVE “A” LIST TOPICS**, selected for the Fall Term of 2004 (September to December) as the primary essay topics, for this current academic year. You will have a similar obligation for the Winter Term of 2005 (January to April). All five of these topics will appear on the mid-year test and also on the final examination. Therefore, in reading the following essays and journal articles, you will be doing the major research preparations for both your first term essay and for these examinations. Although the accompanying short-format bibliographies for these five topics do list current journal articles, the following package of readings does not necessarily contain such articles. I have chosen those articles and essays, chiefly older ones, that have proved to be seminal or of at least major importance in inspiring or in guiding the debates for the themes in these selected essay topics. Many recent articles are, of course, just partial responses to earlier articles on these debates. This package of readings has been prepared by me (who did the photocopying) and by:

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Topic No. 1 [1]: The ‘General Crisis’ of the 17th Century (ca. 1620-1740): The Hobsbawm Thesis on the Origins of the Industrial Revolution [and/or ‘The Transition from Feudalism to Modern Capitalism’]

Eric Hobsbawm, ‘The Crisis of the Seventeenth Century,’ Past and Present, nos. 5 (May 1954), 33-53 & no. 6 (Nov. 1954), 44-65; and


Jan De Vries, The Economy of Europe in an Age of Crisis, 1600-1750 (Cambridge, 1976), especially chapter one, pp. 1 - 29. An excellent and perceptive survey of the major economic problems.


Jacob Viner, ‘Power vs. Plenty as Objectives of Foreign Policy in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries,’ *World Politics*, 1 (1948); republished in: Donald C. Coleman, ed., *Revisions in Mercantilism* (London, 1969), pp. 61-91. See also Coleman's introduction; and the essays by Heckscher, Coleman, Van Klaveren.


**Topics No 3 [3]. The Economic Decline of the Netherlands in the Eighteenth Century: Cause or Consequence of the British Industrial Revolution? [Topic 3 on the Master List]**


F. Krantz and P. M. Hohenberg, eds., *Failed Transitions to Modern Industrial Society: Renaissance Italy and Seventeenth-Century Holland* (Montreal, 1975). The following essays:

a) David Ormrod, ‘Dutch Commercial and Industrial Decline and British Growth in the Late Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth Centuries,’ pp. 36-43.

b) K.W. Swart, ‘Holland’s Bourgeoisie and the Retarded Industrialization of the Netherlands’, pp. 44-48

With commentaries by Jan de Vries, K.D.H. Haley, J.W. Smit, and others (pp. 55-66).


**Topic No. 5 [8]**  Labour and The Enclosures of the Industrial Revolution Era in England: The Social Consequences of Agricultural Modernization, ca. 1760 - 1830 [Topic 8 on the Master List]


