ECO. 303Y: The Economic History of Modern Europe, to 1914.


The numbers in square brackets after the topic number refer to the topic numbers on the Master List of Essay and Reading Topics for Eco. 303Y1.


See the following essays in particular: all to be considered as one reading.

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


Ancient Mesopotamia to Modern Times, Kauffman Foundation Series on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2010), pp. 107-55. Note: the thesis is that the true origins of modern capitalist entrepreneurship came, not in Tawney’s century, but in the following century (1640-1740), and thus led directly into the Industrial Revolution era. ISBN978-0-691-14370-5


Topic No. 3 [7]: Population Growth and the Industrial Revolution, 1750 - 1830: A Cause or Consequence of Modern Urban Industrialization?


Jona Schellkens, ‘Nuptiality during the First Industrial Revolution in England: Explanations’, Journal of


Topic No. 4 [8]: Labour and The Enclosures of the Industrial Revolution Era in England: The Social Consequences of Agricultural Modernization, ca. 1760 - 1830


**Special Notes for the ECO 303Y Course Reader:**

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 do, however, recommend the three 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. You should also consider the online lectures notes as the most relevant and complete textbook for the course.


**Prescribed Readings:**

Instead of any textbook assignment, you are instead expected to do some of the readings for the **FIVE “A” LIST TOPICS**, selected for the Fall Semester of 2012 (September to December) as the primary essay topics, for this current academic year. You will have a similar obligation for the Winter-Spring Semester of 2013 (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, or contributions in minor areas of these debates.

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