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BRITISH CULTURE AND SOCIETY

The general objective of the course is to explore British society and culture in a number of areas and to compare these areas to American society and culture.

A series of lectures by British experts in London and a number of field trips provide the student with an opportunity to develop an overall appreciation and understanding of British culture and society. The London lectures will cover such crucial aspects of British Society as politics, education, stratification, social welfare, the legal system, military, family, population, and sports. Field trips to places such as Canterbury, the British Museum, Oxford University, Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, the National Gallery, City of London, the Imperial War Museum, Wimbledon and Cambridge University will add to the students' understanding of British culture and society.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Students are required to attend all scheduled course lectures, field trips, and other activities. For every scheduled event missed a half letter grade will be deducted from the final course grade.
2. **RESEARCH:** Students are required to write a research paper and write a field observation report (10-15 typed pages) on some aspect of British society. Either must be completed by September 15. Five points will be deducted for each day late. Topics must be approved by the instructor. Details to be provided in London.
3. **LECTURE, READINGS, FIELD TRIPS:** Students are required to keep a class journal on all field trips and take a final exam on all field trips and lectures.
4. **FINAL GRADE:** The final grade is based on the following elements:
 - (a) on the final exam score which is an essay test, (60%)
 - (b) five field trip journals (10%)
 - (c) a research paper (20%) and
 - (d) a field observation report or book report (10%)

*Class participation is important and will be used in final grade assignment.

Tentative Lecture Topics:

British Government and Politics

Education In Great Britain

The Family in British Society

The British Monarchy

Religion in Britain

The British Legal System

Civil Liberties in Britain

British Military

The Irish Question

The Welfare State

Wimbledon: Tennis, Business, and Culture

Tentative Field Trips:

House of Parliament

Canterbury University

The British Museum

Oxford University

Westminster Abbey

St. Paul's

The National Gallery

Imperial War Museum

City of London and the East End

Cambridge University

Wimbledon

Stratford-on-the Avon