A History of Britain and Ireland

With Scott Meyer

Six Week Course Overview

Week One

Introduction and Overview of Britain and Ireland
The geography and location of Britain and Ireland Britain and Ireland in Europe
Prehistory of Britain and Ireland
Megalithic and ancient mounds
The Celts
Roman Britain
Boudicca
Irish Mythology,
Finn McCool and Cuchulainn
Saint Patrick
Anglo-Saxon Britain
King Arthur

Week Two

Vikings in Britain and Ireland
Brian Boru
Hill of Tara
Dublin
Belfast
Alfred the Great
The Norman Invasion
The House of Plantagenet
Magna Carta
Medieval Ireland
Establishment of Parliament
Westminster Abbey
Whitehall and British government buildings
War of the Roses
Tudor Invasion of Ireland

Week Three

Henry VIII
Queen Elizabeth
William Shakespeare
Plantations in Ireland
House of Stuart
The English Civil War (The War of the Three Kingdoms)
17th Century Ireland
Christopher Wren
The Glorious Revolution
The Protestant Ascendancy in Ireland
Creation of Great Britain
Attempts at the Stuart Restoration
The Seven Years War
James Cook
The 1798 Irish Rebellion
The Act of Union in 1801

Week Four
Daniel O'Connell
Revolutionary Ireland
The Fenian Raids
Catalpa Rescue
The House of Hanover
Queen Victoria
Universities in Britain
Trinity College, Dublin
Secondary Education in England
The Industrial Revolution
Merry Old England (Cultural mythology)
Isambard Brunel
The Great Irish Famine
Thomas Meagher
Gladstone and Disraeli, Prime Ministers of Empire
Winston Churchill
Charles Parnell
The British Empire
British India
British and Irish exploration of Africa
Cecil Rhodes
Ireland and the British Empire

Week Five
Queen Victoria and Her European Family
Edward VII
The House of Windsor
Napoleon IV
Windsor Castle
The Gaelic Revival in Ireland
Irish Home Rule
Unionism in Ireland
The Home Rule Crisis in Ireland
Ernest Shackleton
Robert Falcon Scott
The Suffragettes
Britain in 1900
World War I
Ireland in World War I
TE Lawrence
The Easter Rising, Ireland in rebellion
Leaders of the rebellion in Ireland
Countess Markievicz
Revolutionary Ireland
Michael Collins
Eamon de Valera
Edward Carson
The Irish War of Independence
Political Parties in Ireland
The Partition of Ireland
The Irish Free State
The Social Season in Britain

Week Six

Edward VIII
World War II in Britain
World War II in Ireland
Queen Elizabeth II
The current British Royal Family
British Royal Palaces
Decolonization of the British Empire
The Windrush Generation
The Troubles in Ireland
The Good Friday Accords in Ireland
The Handover of Hong Kong to China
Chris Patten, The Last Colonial Governor of Hong Kong
Felicity Ashton, A tradition of exploration
Britain in popular culture
Brexit
Ireland and Britain’s modern relationship
Legacy of the British Empire
Conclusion