

Sources and Further Reading

In surveying English History over a period of more than two hundred years, these lectures inevitably draw upon the published findings and arguments of many scholars whose influence cannot be individually acknowledged in the lectures.

The works alluded to, or drawn upon in the lectures, can be identified from the readings recommended in the syllabus, the works cited in them, and the sources listed in the appropriate sections of the larger reading list below. (Specific local examples are often drawn from studies of particular local communities: see the relevant section). Occasionally, when the source cannot easily be identified by consulting the syllabus or this reading list, I have added a note to the lecture transcript to indicate the work concerned.

A list of the sources used for the graphs and tables included in the lecture handouts is provided separately.

The larger reading list also constitutes a collective acknowledgement of those from whom I have learned. It is not comprehensive, but it is a good starting point for students who wish to research particular issues more deeply and to get to grips with the enormously rich historical literature on this period.

For additional guides to further reading, see:

K. Wrightson, English Society, 1580-1680, 2nd edit. (2003), Notes and Further Reading, pp. 236-282.

K. Wrightson, Earthly Necessities. Economic Lives in Early Modern Britain (2000), Further Reading, pp. 337-361.

Recent articles on the careers of individuals can be found in the online Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

A truly comprehensive guide to historical writing on the British Isles, and the British Empire and Commonwealth, published since 1901 is the online Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH), which also includes the most significant works published before 1901.

Sources of Maps, Graphs and Data in Lecture Handouts

A) The handouts for certain lectures use copies of material from the following published works:

2. Chart of social ranks from P. Laslett, The world we have lost – further explored (1983)
3. Two household lists from K.J. Allison, "An Elizabethan Village Census", Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research, XXXVI (1963)
4. Map of Laxton from C.S. and C.S. Orwin, The Open Fields, 3rd edit. (1967)

5. Maps from D. M. Palliser The Age of Elizabeth (1983) & K. Wrightson, Earthly Necessities (2000).

14. Graphs from C. L'Estrange Ewen, Witchhunting & Witch Trials (1929).

15. Tables & graph from:

J.A. Sharpe, Crime in Early Modern England, 1550-1750 (1984) - # 1, 3

J. Beattie, Crime and the Courts in England 1660-1800 (1986) - #2

17. Tables & graph from:

R. O'Day, Education and Society, 1500-1800 (1982) - #1

D. Cressy, Literacy and the Social Order (1980) - # 2,3,4

B) In Lectures 5, 12, and 23 on demographic and economic trends the handouts provide my own selection of data from the following sources:

E.H. Phelps-Brown and S.V. Hopkins, "Seven Centuries of the Prices of Consumables Compared with Builders' Wage Rates", Economica (1956).

P. Bowden, "Statistical Appendix" in J. Thirsk ed., The Agrarian History of England and Wales, Vol. IV, 1500-1640 (1967).

S. Rappaport, Worlds within worlds: structures of life in sixteenth-century London (1989).

E.A. Wrigley and R.S. Schofield, The Population History of England, 1541-1871. A Reconstruction (1981).

Mark Overton, Agricultural Revolution in England: The Transformation of the Agrarian Economy, 1500-1850 (1996)

P. Clark and P. Slack, English Towns in Transition (1976)

C.G.A. Clay, Economic Expansion and Social Change: England, 1500-1700, 2 vols. (1984)

J. Hatcher, The History of the British Coal Industry, Vol. 1. Before 1700. Towards the Age of Coal (1993)

E.A. Wrigley, "Urban Growth and Agricultural Change: England and the Continent in the Early Modern Period", Journal of Interdisciplinary History XV (1985).

C.W. Brooks, Pettyfoggers and Vipers of the Commonwealth: the 'Lower Branch' of the Legal Profession in Early Modern England (1986)

W.E. Minchinton ed. The Growth of English Overseas Trade in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries (1969).

P.K. O'Brien and P.A. Hunt, "The Rise of a Fiscal State in England", Historical Research, LXVI (1993).

Early Modern England: Politics, Religion and Society
Under the Tudors and Stuarts

This reading list is offered as a guide to sources and further reading on the themes and topics explored in lectures and sections and on additional issues which may attract your interest. It is far from exhaustive, but contains the most important works to assist with the preparation of papers.

Abbreviations

H = History or Historical

J = Journal

R = Review

Agric.H.R.

Agricultural History Review

Cont. & Change

Continuity and Change

Econ.H.R.

Economic History Review

H.J.

Historical Journal

J. Brit Studs

Journal of British Studies

Pop.Studs.

Population Studies

T.R.H.S.

Transactions of the Royal Historical Society

The bibliography is divided into the following sections:

1. General surveys of the period
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4. Women and gender relations
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7. Population change, famine & disease
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9. Change in rural society and economy
10. Urban society & urban growth
11. Industries & industrial development
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13. Poverty & social welfare
14. Consumption & material culture
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18. Education, literacy, & print culture
19. Stuart politics & government
20. Local community studies
21. British Dimensions: Scotland, Wales & Ireland

1. General surveys of the period

a) Politics:

J. Guy, Tudor England (1988)

Open Yale courses

S. Brigden, New Worlds, Lost Worlds, the rule of the Tudors (2000)
 M. Kishlansky, A Monarchy Transformed. Britain, 1603-1714 (1996)
 D.L. Smith, A History of the Modern British Isles, 1603-1707: the double crown (1998)

b) Society:

K. Wrightson, English Society 1580-1680 (1982)
 P. Laslett, The world we have lost – further explored (1983)
 J.A. Sharpe, Early Modern England: A Social History, 1550-1760 (2nd edit., 1997)

c) Religion:

C. Haigh, English Reformations. Religion, politics and society under the Tudors (1993)
 P. Collinson, The Religion of Protestants. The Church in English Society (1982)

d) Economy:

D.C. Coleman, The Economy of England, 1450-1750 (1980).
 C.G.A. Clay, Economic Expansion and Social Change: England 1500-1700 (2 vols. 1984)
 K. Wrightson, Earthly Necessities. Economic Lives in Early Modern Britain (2000)
 J.O. Appleby, Economic Thought and Ideology in Seventeenth-Century England (1979)

2. The social order and social structural change

K. Wrightson, English Society, 1580-1680 (1982) ch.1
 P. Laslett, The World we have lost (1984) chs 2, 10
 K. Wrightson, 'The social order of early modern England: three approaches', in L. Bonfield, R. Smith & K. Wrightson (eds.), The World We Have Gained (1986)
 P. Corfield (ed.) Language, History and Class (1991), chs. 2, 5
 E.P. Thompson, Customs in Common (1991), ch.2
 D. Wahrman, 'National society, communal culture', Social History, 1992

L. Stone, The Crisis of the Aristocracy, 1558-1641 (1965)
 M.L. Bush, The English Aristocracy (1984)
 F. Heal and C. Holmes, The Gentry in England and Wales, 1500-1700 (1994)
 J. Rosenheim, The Emergence of a Ruling Order: English landed society 1650-1750 (1998)
 W. Prest (ed.), The Professions in Early Modern England (1987)
 P. Earle, The Making of the English Middle Class (1989)
 J. Barry and C. Brooks, The Middling Sort of People (1994)
 J. Kent, 'The rural "middling sort" in early modern England', Rural History (1999)
 M. Spufford, 'The limitations of the probate inventory' in English Rural Society ed. J. Chartres and D. Hay (1990)
 A. Hassell Smith, 'Labourers in late sixteenth-century England', 2 Parts, Continuity & Change, 1989
 H.R. French, "The search for the 'Middle Sort of People' in England, 1600-1800", Historical Journal 43 (2000)
 H.R. French, "Social status, localism, and the 'Middle Sort of People' in England, 1620-1750", Past & Present 166 (2000)
 H.R. French, The Middle Sort of People in Provincial England, 1600-1750 (2007)
 A. Shepard, "Poverty, Labour & the Language of Social Description in early modern England", Past & Present 201 (2008)

L. Stone, 'Social mobility in England', Past and Present, 1966

- R. Grassby, 'Social mobility and business enterprise in seventeenth-century England', in D. Pennington and K. Thomas, (eds.) Puritans and Revolutionaries (1978).
 L. Stone, An Open Elite? England 1540-1880 (1984).
 M. Mascuch, 'Social mobility and middling self-identity', Social History, 1995

3. Household & family life

- K. Wrightson, 'The family in early modern England: continuity and change', in S. Taylor et. al. (eds.) Hanoverian Britain and Empire (1998)
 P. Laslett and R. Wall (eds.), Household and Family in Past Time (1972)
 A. Kussmaul, Servants in Husbandry in Early Modern England (1981)
 L. Stone, The Family, Sex and Marriage in England (1977)
 A. Macfarlane, Marriage and Love in England (1986).
 R.A.Houlbrooke, The English Family 1450-1700 (1984)
 N. Tadmor, 'The concept of the household family', Past and Present, 1996
- M. Macdonald, Mystical Bedlam (1981) ch. on 'Stress, anxiety & family life'
 R.B.Outhwaite (ed.), Marriage and Society (1981)
 L. Bonfield, R. Smith, K. Wrightson (eds.), The World We Have Gained (1975) chs. 3, 5
 P. Rushton, 'Property, power and family networks', Journal of Family History, 1986
 M. Ingram, Church Courts, Sex and Marriage in England, 1570-1640 (1988)
 D. O'Hara, Courtship & Constraint (2000)
 R. Phillips, Putting Asunder (1988)
 R. Adair, Courtship, Illegitimacy and Marriage in Early Modern England (1996)
- B.A. Hanawalt, "Childrearing Among the Lower Classes in Late Medieval England", Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 8 (1977).
 L.A. Pollock, Forgotten Children: Parent-child Relations from 1500 to 1900 (1983).
 K. Thomas, 'Children in Early Modern England', in G. Avery and J. Briggs (eds.), Children and their Books (1989)
 I.K. Ben Amos, Adolescence and Youth in Early Modern England (1994) esp. ch. 9
 P. Griffiths, Youth & Authority. Formative experiences in England, 1560-1640 (1996) esp. chs. 6, 7
- D. Cressy, 'Kinship and kin interaction in early modern England', Past and Present 1986.
 K. Wrightson & D. Levine, Poverty & Piety in an English Village (2nd edit., 1995), pp.82-103 & Postscript
 D. Cressy, Birth, Marriage and Death: Ritual, Religion and the Life-Cycle (1997)
 H. Berry & E. Foyster eds., The family in Early Modern England (2007)

4. Women and gender relations (See also section 3)

- S. Mendelson and P.Crawford, Women in Early Modern England (1998)
 J. Bennett, 'Medieval Women, Modern Women', in D. Aers ed., Culture and History (1992)
 A. Fletcher, Gender, Sex and Subordination in England 1500-1800 (1995)
 R. Shoemaker, Gender in English Society 1650-1850. The emergence of separate spheres? (1998)
 B.J. Harris, English Aristocratic Women, 1450-1550 (2002)
- M. Prior (ed.), Women in English Society (1985) esp. chs. 3, 6
 P. Earle, 'The female labour market in the late seventeenth century..', Econ.H.R., 1989
 R. Pahl, Divisions of Labour (1984) chs. 1-2

Open Yale courses

- P. Sharpe, 'Literally spinsters: a new interpretation of local economy and demography in Colyton', Econ. H.R., 1991
- A.L. Erickson, Women and Property in Early Modern England (1993)
- M.R. Hunt, The Middling Sort. Commerce, Gender & the Family..1680-1780 (1996)
- C. Peters, 'Single women in early modern England', Cont. & Change, 1997
- J. Bailey, 'Married women, property, and 'coverture'..1660-1800', Cont. & Change 2003
- M.K. McIntosh, Working women in England, 1300-1620 (2006)
- Amy Froide, Never Married: singlewomen in early modern England (2005)
- A.L. Erickson, "Married women's occupations in 18th century London", Cont & Change 23 (2008)
- V. Fildes ed., Women as Mothers in Pre-Industrial England (1990)
- L. Pollock, 'Childbearing and female bonding', Social History, 1997
- K.M. Davies, 'Continuity and change in literary advice on marriage', in R.B.Outhwaite (ed.), Marriage and Society (1981)
- V. Brodsky, 'Widows in late Elizabethan London', in L. Bonfield et al, The World We Have Gained (1986).
- S.D. Amussen, An Ordered Society: Gender and Class in Early Modern England (1988) esp. ch. 4
- L. Pollock, 'The making of women in early modern England', Cont. & Change, 1989.
- A. Wall, 'Elizabethan precept and feminine practice', History, 1990
- S. Hindle, 'Gossip, gender and the experience of authority', Cont. & Change, 1994
- L. Gowing, Domestic Dangers. Women, words & sex in early modern London (1996)
- B.Capp, When Gossips Meet. Women, family & neighbourhood in Early Modern England (2003)
- E. Foyster, Marital Violence...1660-1837 (2005)

- S. Amussen, 'The part of a Christian man': the cultural politics of manhood', in S.D Amussen & M. Kishlansky (eds.) Political culture and cultural politics in early modern England (1995)
- B. Capp, 'The double standard revisited', Past & Present (1999)
- E. Foyster, Manhood in early modern England. Honour, Sex and Marriage (1999)
- A.Shepard, 'Manhood, credit & patriarchy in early modern England', Past & Present 167 (2000)
- A. Shepard, Meanings of Manhood in Early Modern England (2003)

5. Tudor government and politics

(See also Poplar Protest; Local Community Studies – Counties)

- J. Guy, Tudor England (1988)
- J. Guy (ed.) The Tudor Monarchy (1997)
- G.R. Elton, England Under the Tudors, 3rd edit. (1991)
- P. Williams, The Tudor Regime (1979)
- I. Wormald, Court, Kirk & Community. Scotland, 1470-1625 (1981)
- S. Brigden, New Worlds, Lost Worlds. The Rule of the Tudors 1485-1603 (2000)
- B. Thompson ed. The Reign of Henry VII (1995) - esp intro & essay by Carpenter.
- C. Coleman & D. Starkey (eds.) Revolution Reassessed. Revisions in the History of Tudor Government & Administration (1986), esp. intro., chs.1, 2, 3, 5, & conclusion.
- S.J. Gunn, Early Tudor Government, 1485-1558 (1995)
- G.W. Bernard & S.J. Gunn eds. Authority & Consent in Tudor England (2002) esp. chs 4, 9.
- D. Loades, Power in Tudor England (1997)
- G.W. Bernard, The Power of the Early Tudor Nobility (1985)
- A. Fletcher & D. MacCulloch, Tudor Rebellions (1997)
- D. Hoak (ed.) Tudor Political Culture (1995) esp. Intro & chs. 3, 4, 9, 11, 12
- A. McLaren, Political Culture in the Reign of Elizabeth I (2001)

Open Yale courses

- M. James, Society, Politics & Culture (1986)
 R. Tittler, The Reformation & the Towns in England. Politics & Political Culture, 1540-1640 (1998)
 S. Alford, The Early Elizabethan Polity. William Cecil & the British Succession Crisis (1998)
 Christopher Haigh, Elizabeth I (2000)
 P. Hammer, Elizabeth's Wars: war, government & society, 1544-1604 (2004)
 Natalie Mears, Queenship & Political Discourse in the Elizabethan Realms (2005)
 J.F. McDiarmid ed. The Monarchical Republic of early modern England (2007)

6. The Reformation and religious change

- C. Haigh, English Reformations (1993)
 P. Crawford, Women and Religion in England 1500-1720 (1995)
 F. Heal, The Reformation in Britain and Ireland (2003)
- i. The early reformation:
- A.G. Dickens, The English Reformation (1967)
 R. Rex, Henry VIII & the English Reformation (1993)
 J.J. Scarisbrick, The Reformation & the English People (1984)
 C. Haigh (ed.) The English Reformation Revised (1987)
 S. Brigden, London and the Reformation (1989)
 R. Whiting, The Blind Devotion of the People. Popular Religion & the English Reformation (1989)
 E. Duffy, The Stripping of the Altars. Traditional religion in England, 1400-1580 (1992)
 E. Duffy, The Voices of Morebath. Reformation and Rebellion in an English Village (2001)
 D. MacCulloch, Edward VI and the English Reformation (2002)
 E. Shagan, Popular Politics & the English Reformation (2002)
- ii. Religious change 1558-1642:
- N. Jones, Faith by Statute. Parliament and the Settlement of Religion, 1559 (1982)
 K. Thomas, Religion and the Decline of Magic (1971) chs. 2-6
 D. MacCulloch, The Later Reformation in England, 1547-1603 (1990)
 P. Collinson, The Elizabethan Puritan Movement (1967)
 P. Collinson, The Religion of Protestants (1982)
 P. Collinson, The Birthpangs of Protestant England (1988)
 P. Lake, Anglicans and Puritans (1988)
 R. Whiting, Local responses to the English Reformation (1998)
 C. Marsh, Popular religion in 16th century England (1998)
 P. Collinson & J. Craig (eds.) The Reformation in English Towns, 1500-1640 (1998)
 C. Haigh, 'The Church of England, the Catholics and the People' in C. Haigh (ed.), The Reign of Elizabeth I (1984)
 C.A. Haigh, 'The continuity of Catholicism', Past and Present, 1981
 J. Bossy, The English Catholic Community, 1570-1850 (1975).
 K. Fincham (ed.) The Early Stuart Church, 1603-1642 (1993)
 M.C. Questier, Conversion, politics & religion in England, 1580-1625 (1996)
 R. Cust & A. Hughes (eds.) The English Civil War (1997) chs. 5, 6, 7
 C. Haigh, "Success and failure in the English Reformation", Past & Present (2001)
 Ian M. Green, Print and Protestantism in early modern England (2000)
 N. Jones, The English Reformation. Religion and Cultural Adaptation (2002)
 C. Haigh, "Catholicism in early modern England: Bossy and Beyond", Historical Journal xlv (2002)
 D. Como, Blown by the Spirit. Puritanism & the emergence of an Antinomian underground (2004)

D. Como, "Radical Puritanism, 1558-1660", in J. Coffey & P. Lim eds., The Cambridge Companion to Puritanism (2007)

A. Walsham, Charitable Hatred. Tolerance and Intolerance in England, 1500-1700 (2006)

iii. Religion & popular culture, 1560-1660:

K. Wrightson & D. Levine, Poverty & Piety in an English Village (1995 edit.) chs. 5-7 & postscript

W. Hunt, The Puritan Moment (1983) chs 4-6

D. Underdown, Revel, Riot and Rebellion (1985) chs. 3-4

M. Spufford, 'Puritanism and social control', in A. Fletcher and J. Stevenson (eds.), Order and Disorder (1985)

M. Ingram, 'Religion, Communities and Moral Discipline' in K. von Greyers (ed.), Religion and Society in Early Modern Europe (1985)

E. Duffy, 'The godly and multitude', The Seventeenth Century, 1986

D. Underdown, Fire from Heaven (1992)

R. Hutton, The Rise and Fall of Merry England (1994)

J.D. Maltby, Prayer Book and People in Elizabethan and early Stuart England (1998)

C. Haigh, The Plain Man's Pathways to Heaven (2007)

iv. Religious dissent in the later 17th century:

J. McGregor and B. Reay (eds.), Radical Religion in the English Revolution (1984)

A. Everitt, 'Nonconformity in county parishes' in J. Thirsk (ed.), Land, Church and People (Supplement to Agric.H.R. 1970).

D. Hey, 'The pattern of non-conformity in Yorkshire 1660-1851', Northern History, 1973

M. Spufford, Contrasting Communities... (1974) Part III

J. Hurwich, 'Dissent and Catholicism in English society...1660-1720', J.of Brit. Studs., 1976

S.J. Wright (ed.) Parish, Church and People: Studies in Lay Religion (1988)

M. Spufford (ed.) The World of Rural Dissenters, 1520 - 1725 (1995)

A. Davies, The Quakers in English Society (2000)

C. Durston & J. Maltby eds. Religion in Revolutionary England (2006)

7. Population change, famine and disease

J. Hatcher, Plague, Population and the English Economy, 1348-1530 (1977)

M. Bailey, 'Demographic decline in late medieval England', Econ. H.R. 1996)

P. Slack, 'Mortality crises and epidemic disease in England 1485-1610' in C. Webster (ed.), Health, Medicine and Mortality (1979).

A.B. Appleby, Famine in Tudor and Stuart England (1978)

P. Slack, The Impact of Plague (1985)

J. Walter and R. Schofield (eds.), Famine, Disease and the Social Order (1989) chs. 1, 2

M.J. Dobson, 'Population stagnation and decline', Cont. & Change (1989)

M.J. Dobson, Contours of Death and Disease in Early Modern England (1997)

E.A. Wrigley and R.S. Schofield, The Population History of England 1541-1871 (1981) chs. 6, 7, 10, 11

R.M. Smith, 'Fertility, economy and household formation', Population and Development Review, (1981).

M.W. Flinn, 'The population history of England', Econ.H.R., 1982.

C. Wilson, 'The proximate determinants of marital fertility in England 1600-1799' in L. Bonfield et al, (eds.) The World We Have Gained (1986).

J.A. Goldstone, 'The demographic revolution in England: a re-examination', Pop.Studs., 1986

R.A. Houston, The Population History of Britain & Ireland 1540-1750 (1992)

J. Hatcher, "Understanding the population history of England, 1450-1750", Past & Present 180 (2003)

8. Prices, wages and internal markets

- P. Ramsey (ed.), The Price Revolution in Sixteenth-Century England (1971)
- R.B. Outhwaite, Inflation in Tudor and Early Stuart England (2nd ed. 1983)
- P. Bowden, "Agricultural Prices, Farm Profits and Rents", and "Statistical Appendix" in J. Thirsk ed., The Agrarian History of England and Wales, Vol. IV, 1500-1640 (1967).
- J.A. Goldstone, 'Urbanization and inflation....', Am.J.of Sociology, 1984
- P.H. Lindert, 'English population, wages and prices', in R.I. Rotberg and T.K. Rabb (eds.), Population and Economy (1986)
- S. Rappaport, Worlds within worlds (1989) ch. 5
- J.A. Goldstone, 'Monetary versus velocity interpretations', J.of Economic History, 1991
- N.J. Mayhew, 'Population, money supply and the velocity of circulation in England, 1300-1700', Econ. H.R., 1995
- J.R. Wordie, 'Deflationary factors in the Tudor price rise', Past and Present 1997
- D. Woodward, Men at Work (1995) chs. 6, 7
- J.A. Chartres, Internal Trade in England 1500-1700 (1971)
- A. Everitt, 'The marketing of agricultural produce', in J. Thirsk (ed.) The Agrarian History of England & Wales Vol. IV, 1500-1640 (1967)
- J.A. Chartres, 'The marketing of agricultural produce', in J. Thirsk (ed.) The Agrarian History of England & Wales Vol V, 1640-1750 (1985)
- C Muldrew, 'Interpreting the market: the ethics of credit and community relations in early modern England', Social History, 1993
- C. Muldrew, The Economy of Obligation (1998)

9. Change in rural society and economy (See also Local Community Studies)

- M. Overton, Agricultural Revolution in England 1500-1850 (1996)
- J. Thirsk, Agricultural Regions and Agrarian History...1500-1750 (1987)
- C.G.A. Clay, Economic expansion & social change: England 1500-1700 (1984) Vol. I chs. 3-5
- P. Bowden, "Agricultural Prices, Farm Profits and Rents", and "Statistical Appendix" in J. Thirsk ed., The Agrarian History of England and Wales, Vol. IV, 1500-1640 (1967).
- R. Smith, 'The English Peasantry, 1250-1650', in T.Scott (ed.) The Peasantries of Europe (1998)
- T.H. Ashton and C. Philpin ed., The Brenner Debate (1985) chs. 1, 7, 8
- J. Thirsk, 'Enclosing and engrossing' in Agrarian History of England and Wales Vol IV (1967)
- M.W. Beresford, 'Habitation versus improvement', in F.J.Fisher (ed.), Essays in the Economic and Social History of Tudor and Early Stuart England (1961)
- J.R. Wordie, 'The chronology of English enclosure', Econ.H.R., 1983
- R.C. Allen, Enclosure and the Yeoman (1992)
- J. Goodacre, The transformation of a peasant economy: the Lutterworth area, 1500-1700 (1994) ch. 3
- A. McRae, God Speed the Plough. The Representation of Agrarian England, 1500-1660 (1996)
- M. Spufford, Contrasting Communities: English Villages in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries (1974), Part I
- V. Skipp, Crisis and Development: An Ecological Study...Arden (1978).
- E.A. Wrigley, 'Urban growth and agricultural change...' J. of Interdisciplinary H. 1985
- R.B. Outhwaite, 'Progress and backwardness in English agriculture, 1500-1650', Econ.H.R., 1986
- R.B. Outhwaite, 'English agricultural efficiency from the mid-seventeenth century', H.J., 1987
- A. Kussmaul, A General View of the Rural Economy of England, 1538-1840 (1990)

10. Urban society and urban growth

i. General:

- P.Clark and P.Slack, English Towns in Transition 1500-1700 (1976)
 P. Clark, The Early Modern Town: A Reader (1976)
 P. Clark ed., The Cambridge Urban History of Britain. Vol II. 1540-1840 (2001)
 P. Withington, The Politics of Commonwealth. Citizens and Freemen in Early Modern England (2005)

ii. Provincial towns:

a) 1500-1640

- A.Dyer, Decline and Growth in English Towns, 1400-1640 (1991)
 R.B. Dobson, 'Urban decline in late medieval England' T.R.H.S., 1977
 C.Phythian Adams, 'Urban decay in late medieval England', in P.Abrams and E.A. Wrigley (eds.), Towns in Societies (1978)
 D.M. Palliser, 'A crisis in English towns?', Northern History, 1978
 C.Phythian Adams, Desolation of a City: Coventry and the Urban Crisis of the Later Middle Ages (1979)
 D.M. Palliser, Tudor York (1979)
 A.D. Dyer, The City of Worcester in the Sixteenth Century, (1973)
 D.H. Sacks, The Widening Gate. Bristol & the Atlantic Economy, 1450-1700 (1991)
 R. Tittler, Architecture and Power: The Town Hall and the English Urban Community c.1500-1640 (1991)
 R. Tittler, The Reformation and the Towns in England (1998)

b) 1650-1750

- P. Corfield, 'Urban development in England and Wales' in D.C. Coleman and A.H. John (eds.), Trade, Government and Economy (1976)
 P. Corfield, The Impact of English Towns 1700-1800 (1982)
 P. Clark (eds.), The Transformation of English Provincial Towns 1600-1800 (1984)
 P. Borsay, The English Urban Renaissance...1660-1770 (1989)
 P. Borsay, ed. The Eighteenth Century Town: A Reader (1990)
 J. Barry, 'Provincial town culture, 1640-1780' in A.Wear et al, Interpretation and Cultural History (1991)
 C.B. Estabrook, Urbane & Rustic England (1998)
 J.M. Ellis, The Georgian Town, 1660-1840 (2001)
 P. Borsay & L. Proudfoot eds. Provincial Towns in early modern Britain & Ireland (2002)

iii. London:

- A. L. Beier and R. Finlay (eds.), The making of the Metropolis: London 1500-1700 (1986)
 E.A. Wrigley, 'A simple model of London's importance...1650-1750', Past and Present, 1967
 F.J. Fisher, 'London as an "engine of economic growth"', in P. Clark (ed.) The Early Modern Town. A Reader (1976)
 R. Finlay, Population and Metropolis: the Demography of London 1580-1650 (1981)
 V. Pearl, 'Change and stability in seventeenth-century London', London Jnl., 1979
 J. Boulton, Neighbourhood and Society: A London Suburb in the Seventeenth Century (1987)
 S. Rappaport, Worlds within Worlds:...16th Century London (1989)
 I. Archer, The Pursuit of Stability: Social Relations in Elizabethan London (1991)
 L. Manley, Literature & Culture in Early Modern London (1995)
 P. Earle, The Making of the English Middle Class...London 1660-1730 (1989)
 V.Harding, 'Early modern London, 1550-1700', London Jnl. 1995
 J.F. Merritt, The Social World of Early Modern Westminster (2005)
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11. Industries & industrial development

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- C.A. Whatley, Bought and sold for English Gold? Explaining the Union of 1707 (1994)
- J. Brewer, The Sinews of Power. War, Money & the English State, 1688-1783 (1989)

20. Local Community Studies

Studies of particular localities have been a major feature of the historiography of early modern England, and have had a very important influence on the interpretation of the period, not least by demonstrating the manner in which different forms of change intersected in the lives of particular local societies. The following studies provide much valuable information on local economies, social structure, religion, local government and politics etc. and can help to give both nuance and a human face to the broad processes of change in the period.

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- W.B. Willcox, Gloucestershire 1590-1640 (1940)
- T.G. Barnes, Somerset 1625-40 (1961)
- C.W. Chalklin, Seventeenth-century Kent (1965)
- A. Everitt, The Community of Kent and the Great Rebellion (1966)
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- S.J. Watts, From Border to Middle Shire. Northumberland 1586-1625 (1975)
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- W. Hunt, The Puritan Moment: The Coming of Revolution in an English County. (Essex). (1983)
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 M. Spufford, Contrasting Communities: English Villagers in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries (1974)
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 C. Dyer, Lords and Peasants in a Changing Society. The Estates of the Bishopric of Worcester, 680-1540 (1980)
 C. Howell, Land, Family and Inheritance in Transition. Kibworth Harcourt, 1280-1700 (1983)
 G. Nair, Highley: the Development of a Community, 1550-1880 (1988)
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 C. Oestmann, Lordship & Community. The Lestrange family & the village of Hunstanton (1994)
 J. Goodacre, The transformation of a peasant economy, the Lutterworth area, 1500-1700 (1994)
 B.A. Kumin, The Shaping of a Community. The Rise and reformation of the English Parish, c. 1400-1560 (1996)
 D. Levine and K. Wrightson, The Making of an Industrial Society: Whickham 1560-1765 (1991)
 A. Wood, The Politics of Social Conflict. The Peak Country 1520-1770 (1999)
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- A.D. Dyer, The City of Worcester in the Sixteenth Century, (1973)
 C. Phythian Adams, Desolation of a City: Coventry and the Urban Crisis of the Later Middle Ages (1979)
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 J. Smal, The Origins of Middle Class Culture: Halifax, Yorkshire, 1660-1780 (1994)

22. British Dimensions

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 M.W. Flinn ed., Scottish Population History (1977)
 J. Wormald, Court, Kirk & Community. Scotland, 1470-1625 (1981)
 J. Wormald, Mary, Queen of Scots (2001)
 M.L. Lynch, Edinburgh & the Reformation (1981)
 I.D. Cowan, The Scottish Reformation (1982)
 J. Kirk, Patterns of Reform (1989)

Open Yale courses

Keith M. Brown, Kingdom or Province? Scotland and the Regnal Union, 1603-1715 (1992)
 R.A. Houston, Scottish Literacy & the Scottish Identity (1985)
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 G.H. Jenkins, The Foundations of Modern Wales, 1642-1780 (1987)
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