



Course details

Course title

History: Advanced History : Before 1066

Course code

Q00016039

Course date

Start: 29/04/25

End: 15/07/25

Number of classes

12 sessions

Timetable

Wed 30th Apr, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 7th May, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 14th May, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 21st May, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 28th May, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 4th Jun, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 11th Jun, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 18th Jun, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 25th Jun, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 2nd Jul, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 9th Jul, 11:45 to 13:45

Wed 16th Jul, 11:45 to 13:45

Tutor

Gary Slator

Fee range

Free to £88.80

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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Online

Venue

Online

Level of study

Advanced

Course overview

We will begin by considering the later reign of King Cnut and the problems of the succession which then followed. We will elaborate on the more specific reasons as to why eventually Edward of Wessex was able to stake his claim once more upon his father's throne. We will go on to consider the challenges posed against Edward and the re-establishment of his dynasty, as well as factors which would finally guarantee an independent Anglo-Saxon monarchy. We will also look at the rivalry with the Godwin family against whom King Edward would find himself opposed later in his reign

Course description

This course will provide a detailed look at the life & times of Anglo-Saxon England and the British Isles generally as the later reign of King Cnut, and his immediate heirs. As part of such an analysis, we will inevitably begin with a thorough and detailed insight into the character and extent of King Cnut's rule across mainland England and how this authority then developed over the years of the early 11th century AD. We will go on to consider the main difficulties posed by canoe to death, and the major factions who struggled to maintain power in the light of the new circumstances. As a result, we will go on to examine the reigns of Harthacnut Anne Harold, and their apparent instability, leading to their ultimate failure to retain power within England. Thereafter, we will go on to look in the circumstances by which Edward was able to reestablish the House of Wessex and the challenges posed by that recovery, including the challenges to his authority and the discriminatory nature of his government which very likely led to some of the early difficulties he faced, including the importance of Earl Godwin and his status at the court.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

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