

ENGL 3210: Toward a British Nation

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Course Description:

In this course, students will gain a broad overview of British literature and its cultural contexts from its beginnings in the heroic age until the eve of the Industrial Revolution. We will trace the ways in which writing styles, themes, and audiences are transformed. The class will interrogate a variety of literary texts, from *Beowulf* to *The Beggars Opera*, to discern how Britain became a nation, and to discuss the impact these various texts and traditions had upon national identity.