

6HUM0399 THE POLITICS OF PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, 1760-1832

ESSAY

2500 words (worth 50% of total mark) - due

Answer one of the following questions. You should refer to relevant primary sources as well as historiography in your analysis.

1. Compare and contrast the aims and organisation of the supporters of John Wilkes with the supporters of Reverend Christopher Wyvill.
2. Why did radicals continue to use the 'constitutionalist idiom' in their rhetoric and publications? *You may answer this question with reference to the 1790s and/or the 1810s.*
3. To what extent did the French Revolution impede the movement for parliamentary reform within the British parliament?
4. What were the causes of the Irish Rebellion of 1798, which cause played the largest part and why?
5. To what extent did William Pitt the Younger and his supporters in parliament undertake a 'u-turn' in relation to parliamentary reform in the 1790s?
6. Examine the ideas and the political leadership of one or more of the following individuals: Major John Cartwright, John Thelwall, Charles James Fox, Henry Hunt.
7. What were the causes and consequences of the 'Peterloo Massacre' of 1819?
8. How unusual was Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, in the extent of her political activities as a woman?