

6HUM1012 Popular Protest, Riot and Reform in Britain, 1760-1848
Semester A 2014 – essay questions

The assignment is due by Wednesday 10am, 7 January 2015 (week 13). You should submit online by this date & time, and submit a hard-copy of your essay by Monday week 1 of semester B.

Word limit: 2500 words maximum, including footnotes but excluding bibliography.

You should refer to at least two relevant primary sources as evidence in your answer. You must also show some awareness of historiography.

1. The various political protest groups that emerged during the period 1760-1848 are usually described as 'movements'. To what extent is 'movement' the most suitable term?
2. Compare and contrast the organisation AND tactics of at least TWO of the following groups: Luddites (1811-12); Swing rioters (1830-33); trade combinations (1760-1825); trade unions (1825-1848).
3. To what extent did protests in towns share their tactics and forms with those in rural areas in Britain, 1760-1848?
4. How effectively did local authorities police and control popular protest in Britain? You may answer this question with reference to 1760-1829 AND/OR 1829-1848.
5. To what extent were attempts by political groups to enact an alternative economy doomed to fail in Britain, 1780-1848?
6. How and why did women's involvement in collective action and popular politics change during this period, 1760-1848?
7. Did religion cease to be a major cause of popular protest in Britain between 1760 and 1848?
8. Examine and critique the main arguments and methods of research by Charles Tilly in relation to the development of social movements in Britain, 1760-1840.