

London in the Age of the American Revolution

(Preliminary topics and readings)

Week One

London in the Eighteenth-Century: An Overview
Brewer, Porter*

London's Americans: 1710-1763
Steele*, Addison*, Lyttleton*, Mullan and Reid*, Johnstone*

Benjamin Franklin's London: 1724-26, 1757-62, 1764-75
Franklin (pp. 3-72, 190-221, 246-50, 251-60, 286-91, 292-7, 298)

John Dickinson's London: 1754-56
Dickinson*

Benjamin West's London: 1763-1820
Peale*, Nemerov*, Rigal*, Prown*

Week Two

Samson Occom's London: 1766-68
Occom*, Blodgett*

London's Americans: 1767
The Female American

Phillis Wheatley's London: 1773
Wheatley (in Caretta and *), Brown*

London's Americans: 1775
Burke*, Johnson*, "Petition"**, Burnaby*

Samuel Curwen's London: 1775-84
Curwen*, Oliver**, *Cornicob**, Gerzina*, Norton*

Week Three

John Singleton Copley's London: 1775-1815
Copley*, Neff*

Joseph Brant's London: 1776
Brant*

Abigail Adams's London: 1784, 1785-1788
A. Adams*, J. Adams*, Jefferson*

Olaudah Equiano's London: 1785-89
Equiano, Marrant, Cugoana (all in Caretta)

William Blake's America: 1794
Blake, Gould*

Texts

Required

Blake, *America: A Prophecy* (Dover)
Brewer, *The Pleasures of the Imagination* (Chicago)
Burnham, ed., *The Female American* (Broadview)
Caretta, ed., *Unchained Voices* (Kentucky)
Franklin, *Autobiography and Other Writings*, ed. Seavey (Oxford)
Course packet (readings marked by *)

Optional

Eliza Gould, *The Persistence of Empire* (North Carolina)