

History 203L
Dimensions of History
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Week of January 28

For Monday, January 28

- A. Philosophies of History (Continued).
Download, Read and Bring to class: *Lord Acton, "Inaugural Lecture"*
This week we will consider the wise words of Lord Acton from his Inaugural Lecture on the Study of History---Are his words "wise"? How does his view compare with the views of the articles you read for Friday's Class.
- B. Choosing your topics:
Ten Reaction Papers and Oral Presentations
We will be "accumulating material" as Acton indicates, and will now need to "sift" through it to determine fact from fiction.

For Wednesday, January 30

Read, in *Davidson and Lytle*,

"Prologue: Silas Deane," pp. xv-xxxii.

Scandal, Murder, and Mayhem:

Journal Entry #1- Choose an unsolved mystery and report on significant events

Our first task is to read the chapter on Silas Deane. Professor Swanson will be discussing the chapter in depth in the Wednesday lab, so I want to look outside the actual case to other such cases in history where questions arise. By this class you will have chosen a "mystery" to investigate from the list presented in my introduction. We'll go around the room to find out what everyone is sleuthing.

For *Friday, February 1*

Continue our Discussion of Davidson and Lytle's, *Prologue*
Presentation of Journal Entry #1

We'll begin by trying to determine who's telling the truth, who's lying, and what each individual might be hiding. Let's put some of our subjects under a historical microscope.