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Unit 10

Post-Imperial Britain

Social Darwinism vs Socialism in 20th century Britain

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20th century British icon Margaret Thatcher





Figure: Margaret Thatcher (Prime Minister 1979-1990)

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Figure: Professor Albert Bartlett (1923–2013) (Image: YouTube)

Expectation of growth

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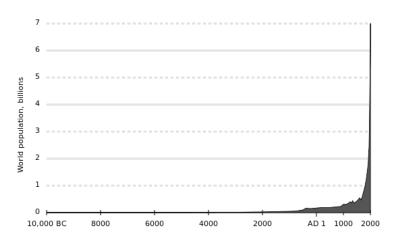


Figure: Population growth (Source: Wikipedia)



Figure: Thomas Malthus (1766–1834)

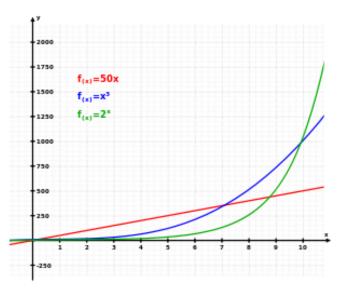


Figure: Exponential Growth



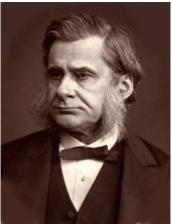


Figure: Samuel Wilberforce vs. T. H. Huxley

Dallinger's Experiment

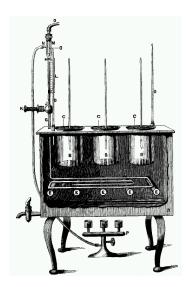


Figure: Rev. William Dallinger's Experiment





Figure: King Edward VII





Figure: The People's Budget (1909)





Figure: The Great War (scene from Stanley Kubrick's film "Paths of Glory")

The Great War

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Figure: King George V



Figure: The Six Counties (out of 9 in the province of Ulster) that remained in the U.K. after 1921)



Figure: A film that captures the Twenties perfectly

General Strike (1926)





Figure: The end of the General Strike



Figure: Oswald Mosley

Appeasement



Figure: Neville Chamberlain and Joachim von Ribbentrop,



Figure: Sir Winston Churchill



Figure: Battle of Britain (1940)

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Figure: 1948

The Coronation (1952)



Figure: Queen Elizabeth II, by Cecil Beaton



Figure: This guy was bigger than Elvis



Figure: An icon of the Swinging Sixties

Imported Costs

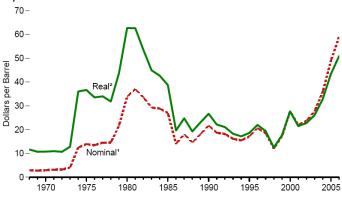


Figure: The Oil Crisis (1973; 1979)



Figure: Margaret Thatcher (Prime Minister 1979–1990)

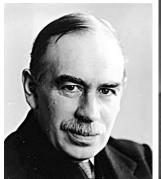




Figure: John Maynard Keynes and Friedrich Hayek

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Figure: Ayn Rand





Figure: Margaret Thatcher with David Cameron



Figure: The Falklands War