

# Britain 1851 – 1914 Transition Tasks

The key thing about the Britain course that you will be starting in September is that it is split into 4 categories:

**Politics**

**Social Change**

**Economy**

**Britain's relationship with Ireland**

The next slide is a transitions task page that covers all 4 categories. It contains a few tasks to complete plus some helpful reading and listening that will help to prepare you for the demands of the course

## Politics 1851 – 1886

## The Economy 1851 - 1914

### Tasks:

1. Create a timeline of British Prime Ministers from 1851 – 1914. Make sure you include which party they represented!
2. What was an Anglican?
3. What was a Non-Conformist?
4. What was the 187 Reform Act and why was it important?

### Tasks:

1. What was the Great Exhibition of 1851 and what does it tell you about the British Economy at the time?
2. Define the following: Tariff, Staple Industry, Agriculture, Laissez Faire, Natural Resources.
3. Why do you think that Britain having the largest empire in the world helped the economy?

## Social Change 1851 – 1914

## Ireland 1851 – 1914

### Tasks:

1. What is a 'class system'?
2. Why might the government being 'laissez faire' be bad for social problems?
3. What was Samuel Smiles doctrine of 'Self Help'? Was this fair?
4. What is a Trade Union and why are they important?

### Tasks:

1. What was the Protestant Ascendency in Ireland?
2. Watch this Video on Ireland. It is fantastic for getting an understanding of the Ireland section of our course and it is really well done: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbOD1fi8omw>

# A reading and listening list

Short podcast about Gladstonian Liberalism: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b06r8cjm>

Ireland video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbOD1fi8omw>

Videos/Discussions about some of the key Prime Ministers during our course. There are episodes on Gladstone, Disraeli, David Lloyd George, Herbert Asquith and Stanley Baldwin, Ramsay Macdonald, Harold Macmillan, Clement Attlee and more  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01083zj/episodes/player>

Some books!

- P Adelman, Britain: Domestic Politics 1939-1964, Hodder, 1994
- C Collier & C Rowe, Britain 1906-1951, Nelson Thornes, 2009
- R Pearce, Britain: Domestic Politics 1918-1939, Hodder, 2000
- R Rees, Britain 1890-1939, Heinemann, 2003
- C Rowe, Britain 1929-1998, Heinemann, 2004
- N Lowe, Mastering Modern British History = Best one!