

Lecture 5

Britain: Suffering, Loving and Living under the Bombs

I. **British Backstories**

- A. Britain and Europe
- B. The Weight of World War I
 - 1. “Never Again”; The Oxford Peace Resolution
 - 2. “The Bomber Will Always Get Through”
- C. The Great Depression and Appeasement
 - 1. The Jarrow Crusade
 - 2. The Clivedon Set
 - 3. The Munich Agreement: “Peace for our Time”

II. **September 1939: Panic Time**

- A. Declaration of War and Civil Defense
- B. The Great Household Pet Slaughter
- C. Evacuations of Children and Civil Servants
- D. Closure of Venues of Mass Assembly
- E. Poisonings and Packing Up at the London Zoo

III. **The Phony War**

- A. “Hitler Has Missed the Bus”
- B. Return of Evacuees
- C. Life in the Blackout
- D. Roundups of Refugees

IV. **War Comes to the West**

- A. Exit Chamberlain; Enter Churchill
- B. The BEF and Dunkirk
- C. “Free of the Frogs”: The Surrender of France, June 1940
- D. Operation Sea Lion
- E. The CORB and “Bundles from Britain”
- F. Locking Away the Fascists: Oswald and Diana Mosley

- G. Back in the Pen: The Plight of “Alien” Refugees
- V. The Battle of Britain and the Blitz**
 - A. Dogfights over Dover
 - B. A “Close-run Thing”
 - C. London under the Blitz
 - 1. September 7, 1940
 - 2. Myth and Reality of the Blitz
 - D. Taking Shelter
 - 1. Anderson Shelters
 - 2. London Underground Stations
 - E. Buckingham Palace Bombed
 - 1. The Royal Family: “Suffering with the People”
 - 2. Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret in Ireland?
 - F. Antisemitism and the Blitz
 - G. The Fate of St. Paul’s Cathedral
 - H. Exit Ambassador Kennedy; Enter Ambassador Winant
 - I. Sex under the Bombs: Graham Greene and Company
- VI. Return to “Normalcy”?**
 - A. Britain and the Global War, 1942-1944
 - B. Disasters Abroad and Discord at Home
 - C. Domestic Privations: “No More Cheddar Cheese?”
 - D. Literary Coteries and Fitzrovia
 - E. Socialism on the Rise
 - 1. Labour Ministers in Churchill’s Cabinet
 - 2. Women in the Workforce
 - 3. The “Bevin Boys”
 - 4. Clement Attlee: “Rehearsing for Prime Minister”
 - 5. The Beveridge Report
 - F. The Yanks in Britain
 - A. Farmlands to Airfields
 - B. Coastal Invasion
 - C. “Overpaid, Oversexed, and Over Here!”
 - D. White vs. Black
- VII. Hitler’s Revenge**
 - A. The “Little Blitz”

- B. Cricket Lives!
- C. The V-1 “Doodlebugs”
- D. The Final Horror: V-2 Rockets

VIII. VE-Day and Postwar Legacies

- A. Austerity Britain
- B. The “Special Relationship”
- C. Britain Out and In and Out of Europe