EH1: STUDENT PRESENTATIONS. WEEKS 5-8

TOPIC 1: ECONOMIC GROWTH, 1000-1870
1. How useful is the Malthusian model for thinking about the British economy before the Industrial Revolution?

2. What are the origins of the European Marriage Pattern?

3. Did Britain succeed by growing faster than its rivals or shrinking more slowly?

4. How did early quantitative work on the Industrial Revolution overstate productivity growth in agriculture and understate productivity growth in industry?

TOPIC 2: WAGES, PRICES AND THE GREAT DIVERGENCE
1. When did India fall behind Britain?

2. When did China fall behind Britain?

3. Was Britain a Low Wage Economy During the Industrial Revolution?

4. Was Britain a High Wage Economy During the Industrial Revolution?

TOPIC 3: COTTON TEXTILES AND THE GREAT DIVERGENCE:
1. How important were Atlantic Markets for the British Cotton Industry?
2. What impact did the success of the Lancashire cotton industry have on India?

3. Would the spinning jenny have been profitable in India?

4. How useful was the British patent system during the Industrial Revolution?

TOPIC 4: ACCOUNTING FOR THE GREAT DIVERGENCE

1. How did national income in Bengal compare with Britain in 1800?

2. Did Sweden keep up with the other North Sea Area economies?

3. Were medieval states too strong?

4. Were medieval states too weak?