

ECONOMICS 210A
INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMIC HISTORY

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Stephen Nicholas and Richard H. Steckel. 1991. “Heights and Living Standards of English Workers during the Early Years of Industrialization, 1770–1815.” *Journal of Economic History* 51 (December): 937–957. www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/2123399.pdf.

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May 8 Research Paper Due (5 p.m.).

May 12 Final Exam (9–11 a.m.). (Tentative)