**Cultural History of the English-Speaking World**

**Study questions for 11 January 2020**

In preparing for these questions you may use any credible source you find useful (Wikipedia is NOT a credible source). There’s no set length for your answer – the purpose of these questions is to help you get an overview of the history of (mainly) the United Kingdom and the United States. You’ll get to chance to discuss your answers in class.

On the first lecture, we’ll concentrate on British and American history before the 17th century.

- What is the Magna Carta?

- Why did the Hundred Years’ War begin, and why did it last for so long?

- Who were the Tudors, and how did they end up reigning England (and Wales and Ireland) in the late 15th century?

- Who were the original peoples of North America? What were their cultures like?

- Why did the European colonisation of America begin? Which countries were involved?