

engweek8.wpd

English Society circa 1600

1. Order
 - a. *History of Myddle*
 - b. 3 Estates or Great Chain of Being?
 - c. Importance of land
 - d. Towns, Metropolis, and alternative orders
 - e. Middling Sorts, Gentleman-Tradesman, and the origins of class
2. Demography: Reproduction
 - a. Malthusian crisis, 1340s, 1550s, 1590s?
 - b. late age of marriage
3. Disorder
 - a. Rude words
 - i. scolds, gossips, witches
 - b. Charivaris, rough music
 - i. role of Church courts
 - ii. is there a sense of private
 - iii. skimmingtons and cheese
 - c. Riots
 - i. enclosure
 - ii. food
 - iii. xenophobic
 - iv. festivals?
 - d. Rebellion
 - i. 1536, 1549, 1569, 1555, 1569-70
 - ii. 1642-1646, 1648, 1660
 - e. Witches
 - i. supernatural or natural
 - ii. local or international