

# Reading List for Econ 342 - Global Economic History

This bibliography contains readings relevant for Econ 342. The bibliography is divided into two main sections, one for books and one for articles and excerpts of larger works. Readings that are required are designated with a  $\diamond$ . Note that this is a dynamic document. It may be updated throughout the semester with new readings, both recommended and required. You will receive updates in lecture as to which readings are required for the upcoming lectures.

## 1 Recommended books for general reading

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## 2 Articles and book excerpts for class

### 2.1 The Pre-Industrial Economy

- ◇ Clark, G. (2008). *A Farewell to Alms: A Brief Economic History of the World*. Princeton University Press (Chapter 3 excerpt)
- Federico, G., & Malanima, P. (2004). Progress, decline, growth: product and productivity in Italian agriculture, 1000–2000. *The Economic History Review*, 57(3), 437–464
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- Malthus, T. R. (1888). *An Essay on the Principle of Population: or, A View of its Past and Present Effects on Human Happiness*. Reeves & Turner

## 2.2 The Industrial Revolution

- ◇ Mokyr, J. (2008). The Contribution of Economic History to the Study of Innovation and Technical Change: 1750-1914. In B. Hall, & N. Rosenberg (Eds.) *Handbook of the Economics of Innovation*. Elsevier
- Mokyr, J. (1999). Editor's Introduction: The New Economic History and the Industrial Revolution. *The British Industrial Revolution: An Economic Perspective*, 2, 1-127
- Clark, G. (2008). *A Farewell to Alms: A Brief Economic History of the World*. Princeton University Press (Chapter 12)
- Temin, P. (1997). Two Views of the British Industrial Revolution. *Journal of Economic History*, 57, 63-82
- ◇ De Vries, J. (1994). The Industrial Revolution and the Industrious Revolution. *Journal of Economic History*, 54(2), 249-70
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## 2.3 The Why and Where of the Industrial Revolution

- North, D. C. (1990). *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*. Cambridge University Press
- ◇ North, D. C., & Thomas, R. P. (1970). An Economic Theory of the Growth of the Western World. *The Economic History Review*, 23(1), 1-17
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- ◇ Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S., & Robinson, J. (2001). The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation. *The American Economic Review*, 91(5), 1369-1401
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- ◇ Clark, G. (2008). *A Farewell to Alms: A Brief Economic History of the World*. Princeton University Press (Chapter 13 excerpt)
- Whyte, S., & Torgler, B. (2015). Selection Criteria in the Search for a Sperm Donor: Behavioural Traits Versus Physical Appearance. *Journal of Bioeconomics*, 17(2), 151–171
- Hitsch, G. J., Hortaçsu, A., & Ariely, D. (2010). Matching and sorting in online dating. *American Economic Review*, 100(1), 130–63
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## 2.4 The Mixed Benefits of Industrialization

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- Almond, D. (2006). Is the 1918 Influenza Pandemic Over? Long-term Effects of in utero Influenza Exposure in the Post-1940 US Population. *Journal of Political Economy*, 114(4), 672–712
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