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Michel Foucault calls eugenics one of the “two great innovations in the technology of sex in the second half of the nineteenth century” (*HS*, 118). The administration of sex and its fertility to which Foucault refers, however, reached a crisis point at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Economic challenges to British supremacy, a humiliating showing by Britain in the Boer War and a declining birthrate, at least among the upper classes, led many Britons to

**January 6:** Introduction

**January 13:**

\*Charles Darwin: *The Origin of Species*. Chapter 4, “Natural Selection”; Chapter 14, “Recapitulation and Conclusion” ( <http://darwin-online.org.uk/>)

\*Francis Galton: *Hereditary Genius*. “Introduction”; “Classification of Men According



you engage the class in discussing a problem, issue or question in the text, directed by your insights.

**2. 8-10 page write-up of seminar: 20%**

Essentially, this will be a write-up of your seminar, due two weeks after you present it. The length is about that of a conference presentation. The seminar does not have to be all-inclusive,