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List of FB's Essays as a Balliol Undergraduate

FRESHMAN ESSAYS

Note During their first term (in FB's case Michaelmas Term 1946) Freshmen were required, in addition to their ordinary work, to write an essay on an unconnected topic and read it to a Balliol fellow not otherwise concerned with them. The following were written by FB

- 1946.003 The art of Thomas Hardy.
- 1946.004 What improvements in the daily press do you think desirable or possible?
- 1946.005 On decadent societies.
- 1946.006 Which is the more deplorable, the scientist who knows nothing about the humanities, or the humanist who knows nothing about science?
- 1946.007 The place of music in education.
- 1946.010 The character of an age.
- 1946.011 What is meant by classical art, music and literature?

MODERN GREATS ESSAYS

Note During his first year at Balliol FB read Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) otherwise known as Modern Greats. He then switched to Law, with the consent of the Master of Balliol (Lord Lindsay of Birker). The following are among FB's PPE essays.

- 1946.008 Possible meanings of the expression 'the will is free'.
- 1946.009 The moral worth of natural benevolence.
- 1947.001 Human goodness and Rashdall's refutation of hedonism.
- 1947.002 How Chamberlain's policy of imperial expansion made the Boer War inevitable.