

Week 5. Post-war Growth.

Explain and evaluate the UK's growth performance since 1945.

Readings.

Matthews, R. C. O., *Slower Growth in the Western World*. [Chapter 1 (Matthews)]. Outlines some possible explanations for the post-war growth experience up to the 1970s.

Crafts, N. F. R., and N. W. C. Woodward, *The British Economy since 1945*. [Chapter 9]. Gives an excellent up-to-date survey of the UK growth debate.

Graham, A., and A. Seldon, *Government and Economies in the Post-war World* (1990). [Chapter 14 (Feinstein)]. Outlines the "catch-up" hypothesis.

Green, F., *The Restructuring of the UK Economy*. [Chapter 10 (Freeman)]. Discusses the UK record on R&D.

Daly, A., 'The Contribution of Education to Economic Growth in Britain,' *National Institute Economic Review* (1982).

Daly, A., D. Hitchens, and K. Wagner, 'Productivity, Machinery and Skills in a Sample of British and German Manufacturing Plants: Results of a Pilot Enquiry,' *National Institute Economic Review* (1985).

Note: in your discussion you can draw on the work from previous weeks (such as education and training, the size of UK firms, et cetera).