

Preparing for Year 12 History

You will no doubt be anxious to keep yourselves busy. We offer many fascinating and diverse areas of history for study at A-Level. To help prepare you for these, please make use of these resources to explore each topic. There is no expectation of you producing any pieces of work for these, but each will help to develop your understanding of the period and give you a solid foundation for success at A-Level.



All students at A-Level study the Tudors. You will also study either Russia 1917-1953 **OR** USA 1945-1980.

General resources

- For all topics, you can access guides by going on the Historical Association website;

<https://www.history.org.uk/student/categories/topic-guides-16-18>

username **14969** and password **history123**

- You can also use **Seneca** which contains detailed information on all the courses. It is free to sign up and use. You will need to search for AQA A-Level course and the below topics.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/courses>

- Active History is a good resource which covers many of the essentials for each topic. Follow the link below and login with the username 'watfordgs' and the password 'king'

<https://www.activehistory.co.uk/>

- Each topic also has a recommended AQA resource list. You will find these attached to this email and in the folder shared documents;

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- You can also access the recommended reading/resource list for each unit on the link below;

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/as-and-a-level/history-7041-7042/teaching-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Resource+lists>

The Tudors 1485-1603 (EVERYONE studies this unit)

Tudor England by **John Guy** is the best book you can purchase for reading on the entire topic.

The Tudors a Very Short Introduction by the same author is also a recommended introduction to the period.

Recommended websites

<https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/tudor-england/>

<https://spartacus-educational.com/Tudors.htm>



Netflix shows

Reign- Dramatized life of Mary Queen of Scots

The King- Based on the life of Henry V, good context for the period in which the Tudors emerge out of (War of the Roses + Hundred Years War)

Secrets of Henry VIII's Palace- Documentary on Hampton Court

Other shows/movies;

Henry VII, the Winter King- Thomas Penn

Henry VIII, Mind of a Tyrant- David Starkey (both of Youtube)

Anything Tudor based by Lucy Worsley (look on BBC iplayer)

Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia and the Soviet Union 1917-1953

Recommended websites

<https://spartacus-educational.com/Russia.htm>

<https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/modern-world-history-1918-to-1980/russia-1900-to-1939/>



Netflix shows;

The Last Czars- Drama based on Nicholas II, the last Czar of Russia

Trotsky- Drama of a key figure in the Russian Revolution, Trotsky

The Russian Revolution- A documentary outlining the key events leading to the Russian Revolution of 1917

The American Dream: Reality and Illusion 1945-1980

Recommended websites

<https://spartacus-educational.com/USA.htm>

Online documentaries such as the The People's Century and CNN's The Cold War (available on Youtube)

Hollywood films such as Selma, Malcolm X, Thirteen Days, The Post, Frost & Nixon +abundance of Vietnam War films.

