

Incoming Year 12 A Level History Summer Work

In order to prepare you for your A levels in September, we would like you to prepare some research, read some books, and think about possible coursework titles over the summer holiday.

Component 1: The Tudors c1485-1603

Take some time to do some reading to get an understanding of the Tudor period

Choose from the following

The Tudors – A Very Short Introduction – John Guy

Tudor; The Family History – Leanda de Lisle

The Hollow Crown; The wars of the Roses and Rise of the Tudors – Dan Jones

Any of the Penguin Monarchs – Henry VII to Elizabeth I

Also listen to a podcast accessible via youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ5Z5N5ubZI>)for part one and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiJTvvt8Rkk> for part two), which talk through Henry VIII's background and his aims as King of England. Please make notes on what his aims were when he became King on 1509.

Then use this list of aims and read the scanned section from John Guy to help put together a mind map which provides Henry VIII's aims, his early decisions, the differences between Henry VIII and his father Henry VII, and whether he was a strong or weak leader.

Component 2: The Cold War c1945-1990

To prepare you for the start of this section of the course, we would like you to prepare a short (no more than one side of A4) Research paper on the following:

1. The nature of Communism as an ideology
2. The Russian Civil War 1917-1923
3. The First Red Scare 1919-1920
4. Russian, American and British Involvement in the Second World War, particularly the numbers and deployment of troops on VE day

We would also like to read at least one of the following:

The Cold War, -J.L. Gaddis

The Cold War; A Very Short Introduction – Robert McMahon

The Cold War; A Beginners Guide – Merrilyn Thomas

