

Incoming Year 12 A Level History Summer Work

In order to prepare you for your A levels in September, we would like you to do some research, read some books, and watch some documentaries in order to prepare you for your History A level.

Component 1: The Tudors c1485-1603

1. Take some time to do some reading to get an understanding of the background to 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

Wars of the Roses – Conn Iggulden (A historical novel – an easy way into the pre-Tudor period)

Any of the Tudor Phillipa Gregory novels

2. Watch the following documentary on the Wars of the Roses and summarise each episode in no more than 100 words

- ▶ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SB_OThWd-eA

3. Do some research on what life was like in late Medieval/Early Tudor England. Focus your research on the following

Life in the countryside/towns

The importance of religion

London

Trade

Society

4. Try to visit at least one Medieval/Tudor building and take a photo of it– there are many to choose from locally and further afield e.g. Lady Green Manor Hotel (London Road – Brentwood), Margaretting Church, the Tower of London.....

Component 2: The Cold War c1945-1990

1. To prepare you for the start of this section of the course, we would like you to prepare some short (no more than one side of A4) pieces of research 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 in the years 1942-45.

2. 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 – Marilyn Thomas

3. Watch a documentary on the origins of the Cold War and create a list of all the reasons why the Cold War started. You could try one of the ones listed below.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-history/postwarera/postwar-era/v/origins-of-the-cold-war>

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/six-months-1945-the-origins-the-cold-wa>