

# History – Preparation for sixth form

Welcome and congratulation on picking the best A Level course there is! We hope these activities give you an in-depth taste of the subject as well as giving a thorough preparation for the Y12-13 course.

You must complete every section of the *compulsory* work needed to support your transition into 'Subject' A level, it is also highly recommended that you complete the *suggested* preparation work.

If you have questions about this work during school term time, please email these teachers:

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There are 3 parts to your History A level course. Our exam board is AQA. This will prepare you for all of them:

1. The **Tudors**: England, 1485-1603
2. Revolution and Dictatorship: **Russia**, 1917-1953
3. Historical Investigation (coursework) Civil Rights Movements in **America** 1861-1968

		Instructions	Completed
Compulsory preparation work	<b>Tudors</b>	Complete all tasks in the Tudors booklet. There are tasks to do each week for 5 weeks.	
	<b>Russia</b>	Complete the 3 Russia Booklets. (see instructions on front cover of each booklet) Part 1. Russia of the Tsars. Part 2. Opposition to the Tsars Part 3. The Last Tsar	
	<b>America</b>	Make a mind map to show key events and turning points in the history of the black civil rights movement in the USA. Start with this website – find more if you wish. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcpcwmn/revision/1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcpcwmn/revision/1</a>	
	Create reference materials	<b>Tudors:</b> One of the tasks is to complete brief biographies on key individuals. Begin a glossary and add the meaning of any new words you come across. <b>Russia:</b> complete Biography task and Glossary task.	
Suggested extra preparation work	Suggested reading	<b>Tudors:</b> See suggested reading list at the end of the Tudors booklet. History books or novels from the period would be great! <b>Russia:</b> Ten Days that Shook the World, by John Reed, a short account by an American journalist caught up in the Russian Revolution <b>America:</b> 'The Help' by Kathryn Stockett	
	GCSE revision	The skills you learn in GCSE History are designed to prepare you for A level. Open/download the worksheet 'Build on your GCSE history skills' for ideas on how to practise and improve these.	
	Ted Talks: <b>America</b>	Listen to one or more of these Ted talks about American history and take notes. What have you learned? Do you agree with the main points? <a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/daina_ramey_berry_the_electrifying_speeches_of_sojourner_truth">https://www.ted.com/talks/daina_ramey_berry_the_electrifying_speeches_of_sojourner_truth</a> <a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/isabel_wilkerson_the_great_migration_and_the_power_of_a_single_decision">https://www.ted.com/talks/isabel_wilkerson_the_great_migration_and_the_power_of_a_single_decision</a> <a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/christina_greer_how_one_journalist_risked_her_life_to_hold_murderers_accountable">https://www.ted.com/talks/christina_greer_how_one_journalist_risked_her_life_to_hold_murderers_accountable</a> <a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/riche_d_richardson_the_hidden_life_of_rosa_parks">https://www.ted.com/talks/riche_d_richardson_the_hidden_life_of_rosa_parks</a>	
	Suggested films/docu mentaries	<b>Tudors:</b> There are links to some suggested documentaries with the suggested reading list at the end of the Tudor booklet. <b>Russia:</b> Documentaries. Empire of the Tsars (1 hour – Historian Lucy Worsley ) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HPWxCC9xPQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HPWxCC9xPQ</a> Last of the Tsars – Nicholas II and Alexandra (1 hour) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpWyFch-1tE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpWyFch-1tE</a> <b>America:</b> Selma, The Help, Hidden Figures, Malcolm X	

