

Transition materials for A Level History Route 2



Longsands Academy History

A LEVEL ROUTE 2 COURSE OVERVIEW

40% 2hr 30min	40% 2hr 30min	20%
<p>Paper 1: Breadth Study</p>  <p>The Tudors: England 1485-1603</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty, 1485-1547 Henry VII 1485-1509 Henry VIII 1509-1547 The Mid-Tudor Crisis 1547-1563 The triumph of Elizabeth, 1563-1603 	<p>Paper 2: Depth Study</p>  <p>Revolution and dictatorship: Russia 1917-1953</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russian Revolution 1917 Bolshevik consolidation 1918-24 Stalin's rise to power Stalin's rule: economy and society Stalinism, politics and control The Great Patriotic War 1941-45 Stalin's dictatorship 1945-53 	<p>Paper 3: Historical Investigation (4,000 word coursework unit)</p>  <p>Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1965</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slavery and the Civil War, Reconstruction and Jim Crow Protest, Lynching and The Great Migration The impact of WW1 and WW2 Role of American Presidents and Congress The influence of key individuals such as Martin Luther King and Malcolm X

Introduction

Welcome to the A Level History pack preparing you to start your A level History course.

This pack contains a step by step programme of activities and resources created to prepare you for the academic demands of A Level History study.

The reading list is not compulsory, but merely advisory. However, you may wish to read one or two of them over the summer break.

All activities are aimed to be used after you complete your GCSE exams and should be completed in stages throughout the remainder of the summer term and over the summer holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September.

We look forward to working with you.

Mr W Morton
Head of History

Reading List

This is just a suggested list of relevant material. You are not expected to read all of it but you may wish to select one or two to read over the summer.

Books – Non Fiction

1. PAPER 1: TUDORS 1485-1603

- **The Tudors: A very short introduction: John Guy** – This book explores the Tudor dynasty and considers the impact and legacy of the Tudors.
- **Tudor: The family story: Leanda de Lisle** – This book gives a narrative of every Tudor monarch, from Henry VII to Elizabeth I.
- **Winter King: The dawn of Tudor England: Thomas Penn** – This book charts the turbulent times of one of the most mysterious Tudor monarchs – Henry VII.

2. PAPER 2: REVOLUTION AND DICTATORSHIP - RUSSIA 1917-53

- **Russian History: A very short introduction: Geoffrey Hosking** – This book discusses all aspects of Russian history, from the struggle by the state to control society to the transformation of the nation into a multi-ethnic empire, Russia's relations with the West, and the post-Soviet era.
- **Stalin: A Biography: Robert Service** – A full assessment of Stalin from his early years in Georgia, his youthful activism, his relationship with Lenin, his family and his party members.
- **The Russian Revolution: A Very Short Introduction: S.A Smith** – This focusses on the main events and developments in Soviet Russia between 1917 – 1936.

3. COURSEWORK : CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE USA, 1865 – 1965

- **Team of Rivals - The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln: Doris Kearns** - A clearly written narrative of Lincoln's presidency which helps to understand the significance of his presidency.
- **Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-63: Taylor Branch** - This book serves as both a biography on Martin Luther King, Jr. and an overview of the Civil Rights Movement during this period.
- **They Had a Dream: Civil Rights Struggle from Frederick Douglas to Marcus Garvey to Martin Luther King, Jr and Malcolm X: Jules Archer** - An overview of the Civil Rights movement in America with particular focus on some of the main leaders of the movement.
- **John F. Kennedy: An Unfinished Life 1917-63: Robert Dallek** – A classic biography of JFK's life and Presidency.

Books – Fiction

- **Wolf Hall: Hilary Mantel** – A fictionalised biography of the rise Thomas Cromwell, advisor to King Henry VIII. From the son of a blacksmith to one of England's most famous figures, this story shows the intrigues of the Tudor court under Henry VIII.
- **Bringing up the bodies: Hilary Mantel** - Sequel to Wolf Hall, chronicling the story of the downfall of Anne Boleyn.
- **Dissolution (The Shardlake Series) C J Sansom**: - A Tudor murder mystery series set during the aftermath of the Dissolution of the Monasteries.
- **The Road of Bones: Fine, Anne** - Based on life in Russia under Stalin, it is a fable about the nature of totalitarianism. It reveals how power corrupts and how quickly the oppressed can become the oppressors.
- **Natasha's Will: Joan Lingard** - A dangerous journey into exile during the Russian Revolution. When Natasha's grandfather is arrested in St Petersburg in 1917, her aristocratic family are forced to flee for their lives.
- **Animal Farm: A Fairy Story: George Orwell** – A well- known classic story detailing the events leading up to the Russian Revolution of 1917.
- **Invisible Man: Ralph Ellison** - A great story about an African American man who lives during the 1920s and 30s. Picks up on key themes of the era- Harlem Renaissance and discrimination.
- **Uncle Tom's Cabin: Harriet Beecher-Stowe** – The book that arguably kicked off the whole Civil Rights movement. A definite read to understand the early treatment of black Americans in 19th century.

Films

- **Wolf Hall**: - Celebrated BBC dramatization of Hilary Mantel's novels, starring Mark Rylance and Damian Lewis.
- **The Other Boleyn Girl** - Hollywood blockbuster starring Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson as the two Boleyn sisters. A dramatization of the novel by Philippa Gregory.
- **The White Queen**: BBC adaptation of the 'cousins' wars' series of books by Philippa Gregory. Sets the scene of the Wars of the Roses, and the early Tudors.
- **Elizabeth**: Hollywood blockbuster starring Cate Blanchett followed by the sequel **Elizabeth: the Golden Age**. A fictionalised dramatization of the reign of 'Good Queen Bess.'
- **The Romanovs – An Imperial Family** – A Russian film with subtitles, set in 1917 focussing on the last days of Tsar Nicholas II and the rest of the Romanov family.
- **Enemy at the Gates** – Set in 1942, in the Battle of Stalingrad, the main character, Vasily Zaytsev (played by Jude Law), becomes the poster boy for the Red Army due to his sniper skills.
- **Bridge of Spies** – Featuring Tom Hanks, an American lawyer is recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy in court, and organise an exchange of the spy for a captured American pilot.
- **Goodbye Lenin** – Although not set within the time parameter of the topic, this comedy focusses on a young man who has to protect his fragile Mother who has come out of a long coma from a fatal shock that Communism has ended.

- **The Butler** - Loosely based on the real life of Eugene Allen, an African-American who is a witness of notable political and social events of the 20th century during his 34-year tenure serving as a White House butler.
- **Selma** - A recent blockbuster that depicts the marches of the Civil Rights Movement under Martin Luther King. Jr.
- **12 Years a Slave** - Another recent blockbuster that gives a helpful insight in to the lives of African Americans pre 1865.
- **Mississippi Burning** - A film loosely based on an FBI investigation into the murder of 3 civil rights campaigners.

Transition Tasks

These tasks will take around 17 hours to complete. Please do not leave them until the last minute, otherwise you will not manage to get it all done. Evidence of this work should be presented to your teachers on the first lesson back in September. If you have any questions about the work please contact William.Morton@Astrea-Longsands.org

1. PAPER 1: TUDOR ENGLAND 1485-1603

Tudor History is not just about Henry VIII. You will embark on a journey that explores power, religion and the dynasty that shaped modern England. Beginning in year 12, students will assess all five Tudor monarchs, from Henry VII to Elizabeth I, assessing the threats and challenges each faced to the stability of their reign.

Topics	Tasks set
The Tudors: War of the Roses	<p>Watch the following documentary (British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley - Episode 1: War of the Roses) and answer the 18 questions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dANvljbtuDk</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the story of the Battle of Stubbins in the Wars of the Roses? 2. What were the 2 sides in the Wars of the Roses? 3. What happened in 1461 on the 29th March and why was it exceptional? 4. What happened at the Battle of Bosworth according to the Tudors and Shakespeare? 5. What problems did Henry VII face immediately after Bosworth? 6. How did Henry use the story of the War of the Roses to solve his problems? 7. How did Historians under Henry VII manipulate the Wars of the Roses? 8. How did Henry VIII continue the propaganda started by his father? 9. What problems did Elizabeth I have when she became queen? 10. How did she use the War of the Roses to help her? 11. How and why did Shakespeare write about the Wars of the Roses in the 1590s? 12. How did the Stuarts use the tale of the Princes in the Tower? 13. Where does the name 'Wars of the Roses' come from? 14. What is Whig History and what was its view of the Wars of the Roses? 15. How have the Wars of the Roses continued into the 20th century? 16. What is the view of 'Good King Richard'? 17. What is the link with a car park in Leicester? 18. Do you agree more with the Henry Tudor Society or the Richard II Society? Why? <p style="text-align: center;">(1 1/2 hours)</p>
The Princes in the Tower	<p>Further research the reign of Edward IV and the death of his two sons- called "The Princes in the Tower". The two sons of this king were kidnapped and killed because they were the true heir to the throne. Their uncle (Edward's younger brother Richard III) could have been responsible for their murder in 1483 as he crowned himself King. Don't worry he got his Karma he was killed at the battle of Bosworth by Henry VIII's army in 1485 and his dead body was found</p>

	<p>in a car park in Leicester in 2003. Read this link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-21063882</p> <p>Lucy Worsley Investigates - Series 1: 3. Princes in the Tower - BBC iPlayer</p> <p>Create 10 flash card notes to explain the key events of the case.</p> <p>(1-2 hours)</p>
Margaret Beaufort	<p>Research the life of Margaret Beaufort – the Great Lady and mother of Henry VII. Listen to the podcast and use the website to create 5 flash card notes.</p> <p>open.spotify.com/episode/0pHgyqkFI6oQ9FjTIZSfG8</p> <p>A history of Margaret Beaufort</p> <p>(1 hour)</p>
The Tudor Family Fact File	<p>Create a fact-file (A4 page) on each of the Tudor monarchs. You should mention key dates, significant achievements and any challenges they faced.</p> <p>Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I.</p> <p>(2 hours)</p>
Wolf Hall	<p>BBC Drama based on the series of book by Hilary Mantel. A superb cast and fantastic drama into the life of Henry VIII's most trusted advisor Thomas Cromwell</p> <p>Watch all episodes of Wolf Hall and the Mirror and the Light free on BBC iPlayer</p> <p>Wolf Hall - BBC iPlayer</p> <p>This is an optional extra. Each episode is an hour long.</p>

2. PAPER 2: REVOLUTION AND DICTATORSHIP - RUSSIA 1917-53

The Russian course is a fascinating course. Russia was once described as a riddle, wrapped inside a mystery, inside an enigma! It is complex, different and puzzlingly interesting. In Year 12 you will look at the last Tsar (king) of Russia, how he reigned, and ultimately, how he fell in the February Revolution.

The course also examines the rule of Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev - possibly one of the most brutal periods of dictatorship any country has ever seen.

Topics	Tasks set
The Tsars	<p>Create a one-page fact file on each Tsar - Alexander II (1855-1881), Alexander III (1881-1894), Nicholas II (1894-1917).</p> <p>Each fact file should include: Name, reign, family background, events during his reign, impact, end of reign, death.</p> <p>(1 1/2 hours)</p>
The Serfs	<p>Listen to the BBC In Our Time Podcast on “The Emancipation of the Serfs”. Make 10 bullet point notes about the lecture thinking about who the serfs were, why the Tsar freed them, and what the consequences for the serfs and the nobles were.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0b2gspd</p> <p>(1 hour)</p>
Alexander II	<p>Listen to the BBC In Our Time Podcast on “Alexander II’s Assassination”. Make 10 bullet point notes about the lecture, thinking about who did it, why they did it and what the consequences were.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p003k9b2</p> <p>(1 hour)</p>
The Three Tsars	<p>Answer the following question – “Which of the three Tsars was the greatest ruler of Russia”. This needs to be a one side of A4 mini-essay. You will need to think about what makes someone a great ruler. Is it strength and power? Is it being liberal and democratic?</p> <p>(1 hour)</p>

COURSEWORK : CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE USA, 1865 – 1965

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Presidents of the USA	<p>Task: Create a timeline of the following presidents of the USA from 1863 -1968:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abraham Lincoln• Andrew Johnson• Woodrow Wilson• Franklin Roosevelt• Harry Truman• Dwight Eisenhower• John F Kennedy• Lyndon Johnson <p>Include the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political party• Highlights of presidency• Civil rights action and attitude towards African Americans <p>(3 hours)</p>