

A Level History

This document contains details on both of your A Level History courses. Please take the time to review the resources and links it points you too – there is plenty to read and watch! They all provide you with background and details on our courses – please don't feel you have to get every book or read every article! There is only one specific task we would like you do in preparation for the start of Year 12 in September, it is listed below.

A link to our A Level specification can be found here <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/as-and-a-level/history-7041-7042>. We teach option 1J and 2G.

We are all looking forward to working with you next year and hopefully into Year 13 as well!

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Task:

Read an academic history book i.e. not Horrible Histories. Write a review of the book (no more than 2 sides A4 hand written or 500 words typed). This will be collected during your first lesson in September. The book does not have to be related to our A Level course (although you may choose to read one of the ones listed below) but you may find it helpful in the future.

Your review should focus on your reflections on the book i.e. not a description of the content it includes. You should reflect on whether or not you enjoyed it and why, whether anything within it surprised you or particularly interested or entertained you, hopefully these reflections will provide you with a stimulus for your review – please feel free to think more widely about it!

Please scroll down to find the resources we have prepared to introduce you to the A Level courses.

The Birth of the USA, 1760-1801

General reading

A little history of the world – Gombrich

Introduction guides

The Colonial America: A Very Short Introduction by Alan Taylor

American Revolution: A Very Short Introduction by Robert Allison

A Short History of the American Revolutionary War (Short Histories) by Stephen Conway

Books

The Glorious Cause by Robert Middlekauff

1776 by David McCollough

The American Revolution by Gordon Wood

The Men Who Lost America by Andrew O’Shaughnessy

Empire by Niall Ferguson

Articles

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/myths-of-the-american-revolution-10941835/>

<https://allthingsliberty.com/2018/09/the-sugar-act-a-brief-history/>

<https://allthingsliberty.com/2016/03/the-first-no-taxation-without-representation-crisis/>

Lectures and podcasts

Yale Lectures - <https://oyc.yale.edu/history/hist-116> (All of these are relevant to the AS course)

In Our Time - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p004y28v>

Revolutions- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBxo5KjNg0E> (The AS course in a nutshell)

Revolutions - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5omfUmwAwKo> (The A Level course in a nutshell)

Websites

<https://allthingsliberty.com/> - Use this to help you find articles. There are lots!

<https://www.bl.uk/the-american-revolution>

<https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/american-revolution-history>

TV/Film/Theatre

Hamilton the Musical

John Adams Mini Series (2008)

The Patriot (2000)

Youtube

The War that made America – PBS - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgAS-xIdS78>

The Revolution (Documentary series) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51hKUCY1VY8>

Liberty! The American Revolution - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEMQSdhvtx0>

The British Empire, c1857-1967

General books:

M Chamberlain, *The Scramble for Africa*, Longman, 2010

A Jackson, *The British Empire: A Very Short Introduction*, OUP, 2013

J MacKenzie, *The Partition of Africa*, Routledge, 1983

B Porter, *The Lion's Share: A History of British Imperialism 1850-2011*, Routledge, 2012

N White, *Decolonisation: the British Experience Since 1945*, Longman, 1999

A Wilkes, *The Rise and Fall of the British Empire*, Folens, 2010

Lectures:

[Formal and Informal Empire in the 19th Century - Professor Richard Evans - YouTube](#)

[Empire: From Conquest to Control - Professor Richard J Evans FBA - YouTube](#)

Youtube

[Empire of the Seas. 1/4 HD - YouTube](#) – see all 4 episodes

[BBC Empire Episode 1 A Taste for Power - YouTube](#) – Jeremy Paxman's documentary series on the Empire

Websites – both sites collate articles being written about the Empire. They provide a useful record of current interpretations of the Empire.

[British empire | World | The Guardian](#)

[British Empire - latest news, breaking stories and comment - The Independent](#)