

History Department

KS4 High Achievers Booklet





KS4 History 2018/19 HA learners

These activities are meant to support and extend your knowledge, understanding and interest in History. Please be assured that anything that takes your interest is of interest to us, and we look forward to discussing your wider learning with you.

Please aim to complete 3 tasks a term, 1 from the reading list, 1 from the watching list, 1 from the research list.

Reading List:

Please read one of the below titles and then write a review of it either at the back of your History book, or on a piece of paper. Please submit it to your teacher for comment and discussion.

All books have been chosen to supplement your learning on the GCSE course. If there is a book that you have read that you would recommend to other GCSE History students, please let us know so we can add it to the list!

All Quiet on the Western Front Erich Remarque

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit Judith Kerr (a children's book – what do you make of it?)

Emil and the Detectives Erich Kastner (a children's tale from Weimar Germany – what does it

tell you about Germany in the 1920s?)

Hitler's Canary Sandi Toksvig

The Diary of A Young Girl Anne Frank

The Book Thief Markus Zusak

Schindler's Ark Thomas Keneally

Oliver Twist Charles Dickens

Pride and Prejudice Jane Austen

Defying Hitler Sebastien Haffner

Elizabeth the Queen Alison Weir

Elizabeth I: Collected Works ed Leah S Marcus; Janel Mueller and Mary Beth Rose

Any articles from https://www.bbc.co.uk/history



Watching List:

Please watch at least one of these documentaries/films and submit a review expressing your opinion with regard to the following points:

- What has this taught you?
- What are you aware of that you weren't previously?
- How did what was portrayed/discussed change the nature of the world/war?
- What 3 things would you tell someone else about the significance of what you watched?

Documentary suggestions:

Monarchy A Nation State: David Starkey

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wPhilkvU04&list=PLSX5ddjFENGEba_rnKhunmx7gJZ-NFM3I

Elizabeth - David Starkey (set of 4 episodes)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQbvaGl4jrg&list=PL8cc0pOCDznz68clSGdZjPXGjYr3Wu6CS

A History of Britain – Simon Schama (2 series, all available on YouTube)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zk Y0LI4eZE

The World at War (1970s documentary on WWII – the classic series 20 episodes) It shows the nature of the Second World War in all its cruelty; check with your parents/carers they are happy for you to watch it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0b4g4ZZNC1E

Battlefield Britain: (this is an excellent documentary series with Dan and Peter Snow; work out which is the most interesting battle to you and why. We recommend ©

The Spanish Armada

The Battle of the Boyne

Blood and Guts – Michael Mosley (a British Health and the People documentary)

Pain, Pus and Poison: the Search for Modern Medicines:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hTZNDyLPLk



Films¹ (YouTube links below, also available on DVD, possibly more cheaply):

Elizabeth: The Golden Age:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdhiCNrt4-w

All Quiet on the Western Front

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTKCg-ufHuM

Hitler, the Rise of Evil

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPC T0FT688

Valkyrie

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sENP8178dvA

Sophie Scholl

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=baRvF6ZBK18

Schindler's List:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zLMKerhayY

The Book Thief:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXIFbwD-eDY

Research - Why was so important? How did it change the country/world?

We all have our favourite periods/events in history, and here are some of Team History's. Please write 1 side of A4 (or more) answering the above question on any event in history you choose (as far back as 1066) or one of the following (which are favourites of ours):

- The Irish Famine 1846-1849
- Italian unification 1861/1871
- Indian independence 1947
- The Cuban Missile Crisis
- Rosa Parks Bus Boycott (Montgomery Bus Boycott)
- The Berlin Wall its establishment, impact and fall
- The assassination of JFK, 1963
- Falklands War
- UK Miners' Strike, 1984-85

¹ An additional question that you should always bear in mind when watching films is 'How historically accurate is this?'