

## History A-Level

### Bridging the Gap Year 11 – Year 12

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For History in Year 12 and 13 we study two topics, these are with AQA exam board. You can look up the detailed specification on line for each unit.

#### **Unit 1C The Tudors:**

This includes Henry VII Henry VIII and all of his children.

#### **Recommended reading:**

*Wolf Hall Trilogy*, Hilary Mantel

Phillipa Gregory books:

- *The White Queen*
- *The Red Queen*
- *The King Maker's Daughter*
- *The White Princess*
- *The King's Curse*
- *The Other Boleyn Girl*

*Shardlake Series*, C.J Sansom

*The Tudor Vendetta*, C. W Gortner

*A Visitor's Companion to Tudor England*, Suzannah Lipscombe

*Children of England: The Heirs of Henry VIII*, Alison Weir

There are also some excellent films/TV programmes/DVDs. I strongly recommend watching *Wolf Hall*, and *Six Wives* with Lucy Worsley, both currently on BBC iplayer.

#### **Possible activities:**

- Create a timeline for the reigns of Henry VII & Henry VIII (1485-1547)
- Research key events and add detail to your timeline.
- Categorise events into the themes of:
  - Government
  - Foreign Policy
  - Religion
  - Society
  - Economy

## Unit 2Q. The American Dream; Reality and Illusion 1945-1980

There is a huge amount of background reading that you can do to prepare for this course plus some wonderful films.

The units looks at foreign policy and domestic issues in the USA during this time with a special focus on Civil Rights. I strongly suggest watching:

- The Cold War..a 24 part documentary on youtube. CNN/BBC production. Narrated by Kenneth Branagh. Brilliant.
- If you have Netflix there is a documentary called "Bobby Kennedy for President" which looks at Civil rights.
- Netflix also has a superb series called "The Vietnam War", by Ken Burns. Difficult to watch at times but brilliant.

If you can also get hold of these films they are definitely worth watching:

- Selma
- Mississippi Burning
- Green Book
- Reading.
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- Research on all of the Presidents in this era (and a look at FDR for background)
- Research the civil rights leaders especially Malcolm X and Dr Martin Luther King.

Looking forward to teaching you in 2020.

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