

Subject: History

Exam Board: AQA

Welcome to A-level History. We are delighted that you are considering this A-level as an option in Year 12 and 13. To demonstrate your commitment to the course and to prepare you for September, you must complete the following tasks to the best of your ability. These tasks are compulsory and must be completed by Friday 15th July, 2022.

We expect you spend at least 3-4 hours completing the tasks outlined in this pack. The activities have been designed to help you begin to develop some of the key skills you will need for A-level history.

Learning Objectives:

Understand the nature of Russia at the start of the 20th century.

Understand the fragile nature of England at the time when Henry Tudor became King Henry VII in 1485

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What is A level history?

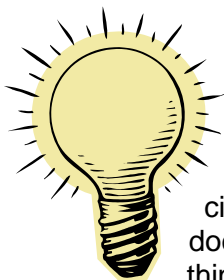


Paper 1 The Tudors: England, 1485–1603. 40% of your A level.

Paper 2 Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953. 40% of your A level.

NEA – 4500 word coursework on an aspect of 20th century American history. 20% of your A level.

Careers you can consider with history:



There are many higher education courses where A Level history is required such as modern history, ancient history, archaeology. There are some courses where history at A Level is desirable such as law. Career possibilities directly relating to history include being a teacher, museum curator, excavator, researcher. Many A Level history students move into careers as civil servants, lawyers, and accountants - drawing on their skills in evaluating and analysing documentary evidence. History students generally possess high levels of literacy and critical thinking abilities, so are often suited to careers in communications, particularly advertising, marketing, public relations and journalism.

Skills you will have learnt upon completion of history:

Universities and employers recognise the knowledge and understanding acquired at A Level and also value the transferable skills that have been developed:

- knowledge and understanding
- analytical skills
- ability to construct arguments

Overview of lessons:

Lesson 1: The nature of Russia and Tsar Nicholas II's personality.

Lesson 2: The early years of Tsar Nicholas II's reign to the 1905 Revolution.

Lesson 3: The context of England before the start of the Tudor Dynasty on 1485.

Lesson 4: Focus on the six Key Questions raised by AQA.

Homework Tasks to be completed:

Task 1: RUSSIA. Between lesson 1 and lesson 2 you will need to complete work set in class on Marxist stage theory. Mrs Johnson will provide you with the details.

Task 2: RUSSIA. Bridging task to completed by Friday 15th July, 2022.

- a) Explain why Karl Marx was important for the increase in revolutionary ideas in Russia at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. 12 marks
- b) 'Nicholas II was the main reason why Russia was backward compared to other western countries at the start of the 20th century'. How far do you agree with this statement? 16 marks

Task 3: TUDOR. Complete work in and out of class on the context of England leading up to 1485 including Richard III. Mrs Young will provide you with work sheets in the lesson which will also need to be completed outside of the lesson to enable you to complete the bridging work.

Task 4: TUDOR. Bridging task to completed by Friday 22nd July, 2022.

- a) Explain the importance of Henry VII for England's improved status within European countries at the end of the 15th and the beginning of the 16th centuries. 8 marks
- b) 'Henry VII was able to bring peace and security to England after the Battle of Bosworth in 1485'. How far do you agree with this statement? 16 marks

