

A LEVEL HISTORY – READING LIST

History is a hugely demanding subject in terms of your ability to read and write at an advanced level. By Y13 you will be required to engage with academic history texts for your coursework and it is essential that you are comfortable with these by that time. The more you read, the more sophisticated your own writing will become. Moreover, by extending your knowledge you will find your courses easier to understand, and will be able to add impressive detail in your exams. Listed here is some possible wider reading for all aspects of the History course, although this list is not exhaustive.

USA, 1917-1990:

Doug and Susan Willoughby *The USA 1917–45*

Derrick Murphy, Kathryn Cooper and Mark Waldron *The United States 1776–1992*

Joanne De Pennington *Modern America: 1865 to the Present: The USA, 1865 to the Present*

Peter Clements *Access to History: Prosperity, Depression and the New Deal: The USA 1890-1954*

Simon Schama *The American Future: A History From The Founding Fathers To Barack Obama*

Hugh Brogan *The Penguin History of the USA*

South Africa, 1948-1994:

Nelson Mandela *Long Walk to Freedom*

John Briley *Cry Freedom*

Saul Dubow *Apartheid: 1948-1994*

Leonard Thompson *A History of South Africa*

Gail Nattrass *A Short History of South Africa*

Rian Malan *My Traitor's Heart*

Sisonke Msimang *Always Another Country*

Mark Mathabane *Kaffir Boy*

Trevor Noah *Born A Crime*

Yorkists, Lancastrians and Henry VII, 1399-1509:

D. Jones: *The Hollow Crown. The Wars of the Roses and the Rise of the Tudors*

C. Carpenter, *The Wars of the Roses: Politics and the Constitution in England c.1437-1509* (CUP, 1997)

D. R. Cook, *Lancastrians and Yorkists; The Wars of the Roses* (Longman, 1984)

I. Dawson, *Enquiring History: The Wars of the Roses: England 1450-1485* (Hodder, 2012)

J. Gillingham, *The Wars of the Roses: Peace and Conflict in 15th Century England* (Phoenix Press, 2001)

A. Pickering, *Lancastrians to Tudors: England, 1450-1509* (CUP, 2000)

C. Ross, *Edward IV* (Methuen, 1974)

C. Ross, *Richard III* (Methuen, 1981)

R. Turvey, *Access to History: Lancastrians, Yorkists and the Wars of the Roses, 1399-1509* (Hodder, 2015)

B. Wolffe, *Henry VI* (Methuen, 1981)

Novels by Conn Iggulden: *Stormbird, Trinity, Bloodline*

Novels by Philippa Gregory: *The White Queen, The Red Queen, The Kingmaker's Daughter, The White Princess*

British C20th Social and Political History:

Andrew Marr *A History of Modern Britain*

Pat Thane *Divided Kingdom: History of Britain, 1900 to the present*

Peter Clarke *Hope and Glory: Britain 1900-2000*

Paul Johnson *Twentieth Century Britain*

Carnevali and Strange *Twentieth Century Britain*

The Study of History:

John H Arnold *History: A Very Short Introduction*

Richard Evans *In Defence of History*

David Cannadine *What is History Now?*

Black and MacRaid *Studying History*

Ludmilla Jordanova *History in Practice*