



## HISTORY A LEVEL SUPER-CURRICULAR

### AIMING FOR THE TOP AND ASPIRING HIGH



#### Reading Tasks

##### **Civil Rights - US**

- **Better Day Coming**, Adam Fairclough
- **Race Relations in the USA**, Vivienne Sanders,

##### **US History**

- **Grand Expectations: The United States, 1945-1974**, James Patterson
- **Restless Giant: The United States from Watergate to Bush vs Gore**, James Patterson
- **The Penguin History of the USA**, Hugh Brogan

##### **British History**

- **A History of Modern Britain**, Andrew Marr.
- **Britain since 1945: The People's Peace**, Kenneth Morgan,
- **Hope and Glory Britain: Britain 1900 - 2000**, Peter Clarke
- **White Heat: A History of Britain in the Swinging Sixties**, Dominic Sandbrook
- **Who Dares Wins, Britain 1979-82**, Dominic Sandbrook
- **State and Society**, Martin Pugh
- **Parliamentary Reform 1785- 1928**, Sean Lang,

##### **More reading suggestions...**

- **What is History?**, E.H. Carr,
- **Dictators**, Frank Dikotter

## **Writing Tasks**

### **Trinity Essay Prize**

Enter the annual Robson History Prize for Year 12 students from Trinity College, Cambridge. Details [here](#).

### **Review**

Write a review of one of the books you have read from the History reading list OR one of the films / series you have watched.

- *Would you recommend it to others?*
- *If yes, why?*

## **Listening Tasks**

### **A History of Football**

You're Dead to Me: [A History of Football](#) (BBC Sounds)

### **LGBTQ + History**

You're Dead to Me: [LGBTQ+ History](#) (BBC Sounds)

### **Notting Hill Carnival**

You're Dead to Me: [Notting Hill Carnival](#) (BBC Sounds)

## **Watching Tasks**

### **Margaret Thatcher**

[Thatcher: A Very British Revolution](#) (TV series) 2020 (BBC Sounds)

*A look at the political career of Margaret Thatcher, from her early days as Education Secretary, to Leader of Opposition and finally to Prime Minister. Thatcher's inner circle discuss how she managed to overcome her outsider status to become a key political figure in Britain, at a time of great social and economic upheaval.*

### **New Labour**

[Blair and Brown: The New Labour Revolution](#) (BBC iPlayer)

*The story of two powerful personalities at the heart of a political phenomenon. Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and their closest allies chart the rise and difficult legacy of New Labour.*

### **A History of Modern Britain**

**Andrew Marr: A History of Modern Britain** (BBC series)

*Andrew Marr presents a history of Britain from the end of the Second World War to the start of the third millennium.*

## **Research Tasks**

### **Women's Equality in Britain**

Research the fight for women's equality in Britain over 100 years. Use these short [mini-documentaries](#) as your starting point.

### **Post War Britain**

Research life in post-war Britain. Use these short [mini-documentaries](#) as your starting point.

### **Key Conflicts**

Research some of the key conflicts and events involving Britain and America that are NOT covered in our A Level course:

- the Suez Crisis (1956);
- the Vietnam War (1955-75);
- the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan (1979);
- and the Six Day War (1967).

## **Trips & Visits**

### **Houses of Parliament**

Houses of Parliament, [Visitors and Exhibition Centre](#)

### **People's History Museum**

[People's History Museum](#), Manchester

(National Museum of Democracy)

### **British Library**

[Treasures of the British Library](#),

British Library, London