

NSG A Level

History transition

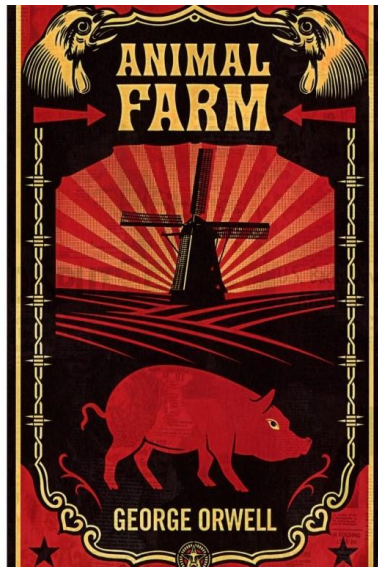


The History Course: OCR GCE History H505

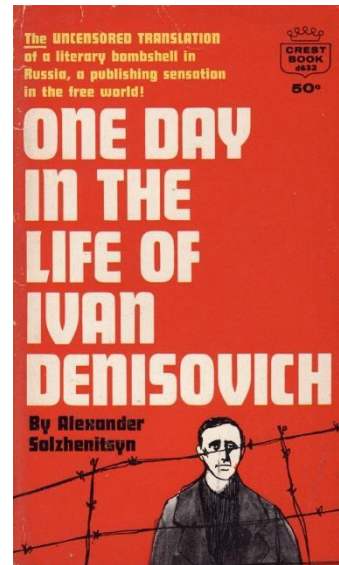
<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce/as-a-level-gce-history-a-h105-h505-from-2015/>

Unit	When?	How will it be examined?	How much is it worth?
Y106 – England 1485-1558 The Early Tudors	Year 12 3 lessons per week – one teacher	1 hour 30 mins One knowledge based essay, one sources essay	25%
Y221 – Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963	Year 13 3 lessons per week – one teacher	1 hour One explanation question, one knowledge based essay	15%
Y318 – Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964	Year 12 and 13 3 lessons a week – one teacher	2 hours 30 mins One interpretations essay, two thematic essays	40%
Y100 – Topic based essay (coursework)	End of Y12 to middle of Y13 Some lessons in Russian history 'slot' spent on coursework skills and mentoring sessions	3000-4000 word essay on a topic of your choice (subject to approval)	20%

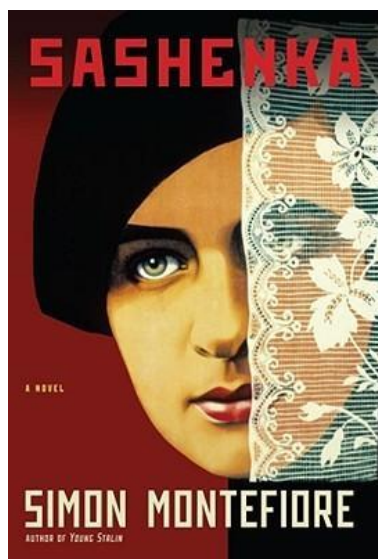
Summer Reading Suggestions



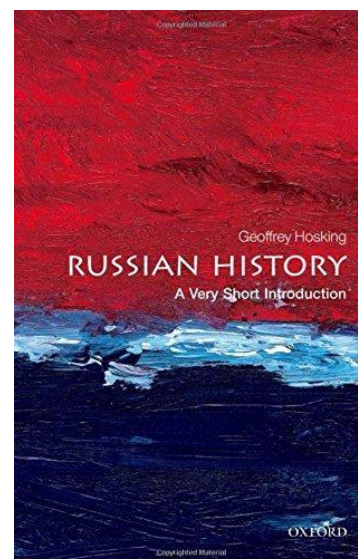
George Orwell's classic retelling of the Russian Revolution as a fairy story. A great introduction to the principles and problems of communism.



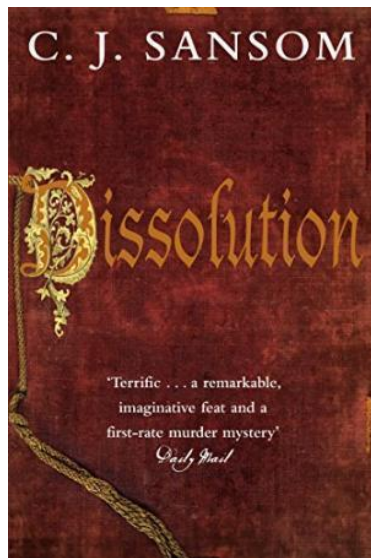
Brief and brilliant account of a single day in a Russian labour camp.



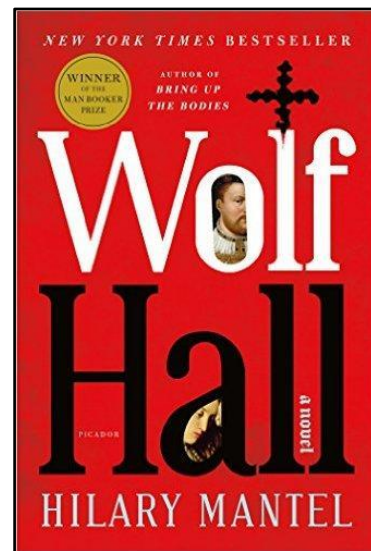
Novel written by a leading historian of 19th and 20th century Russia, the story of a privileged young woman whose life is intertwined with the Russian revolution.



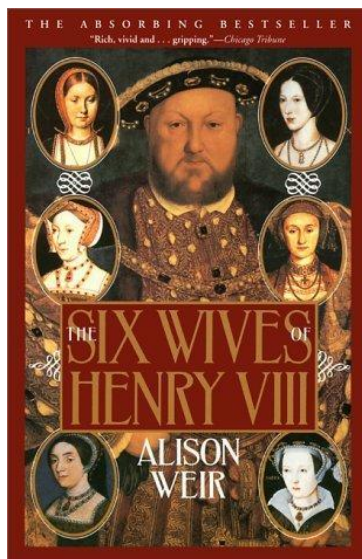
Accessible yet sophisticated overview of Russian history by Geoffrey Hosking, a leading historian of the subject.



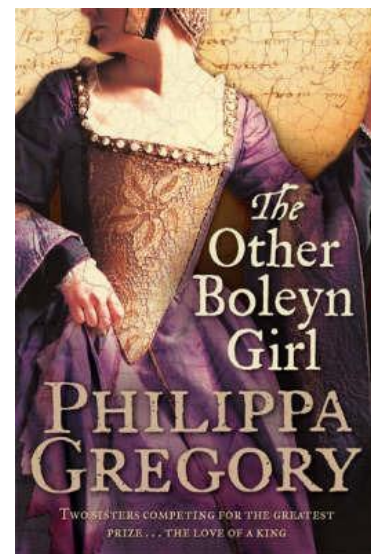
Dissolution by C.J. Sansom is a gripping murder mystery set during Henry VIII's Break with Rome.



Hilary Mantel's 'Wolf Hall', a fictional biography of Tudor England, is particularly good for students studying Literature and History.



Alison Weir has written a range of acclaimed history books and novels about the Tudor period.



Philippa Gregory's novels on the women of the Tudor period are very popular. 'The Other Boleyn Girl' is perhaps the most popular.

Historical Days Out (or virtual tours!)

Kenilworth Castle

Medieval castle with rooms built for the visit of Elizabeth I by her suitor Robert Dudley



Virtual Tours

Russia's State Hermitage Museum -

https://www.hermitagemuseum.org/wps/portal/hermitage/panorama/virtual_visit/panoramas-m-1/

Hampton Court Palace

Home to Henry VIII, a great place to explore the Tudor world



National Portrait Gallery

Excellent range of Tudor portraits - <https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/explore/by-period/tudor>



British Museum

The country's greatest collection of historical artefacts from across the globe. An excellent day out.

<https://blog.britishmuseum.org/how-to-explore-the-british-museum-from-home/>



Russian History transition work



You must complete *at least* one task from each of the 'Read', 'Watch' and 'Do' sections.

	Core	Extension	Challenge
Read	<p>BBC Bitesize article on Tsarist Russia - http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/higher/history/russia/tsar/revision/1/</p> <p>What was Russia like under the rule of the Tsars?</p>	<p><i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell. The events of the Russian Revolution and Stalin's rule told as a fairy story. A brilliant novel.</p> <p>AND/OR explore – Seventeen Moments in Soviet History, a tremendous resource on Communist Russia - http://soviethistory.msu.edu/</p>	<p><i>A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i> by Alexander Solzhenitsyn – account of a day in a labour camp. A great piece of writing.</p> <p>Could be supported by research into gulags and Stalin's use of Terror</p>
Watch	<p>History File The Soviets: fall of Tsarism - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0qhjHdyzZ0</p>	<p>People's Century – Red Flag 1917 episode about the Russian Revolution. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZDXZBnsKRQ&index=3&list=PLuL26fXZ8eTNLLnugg2BTyOZQ7HT-QZk4</p> <p>The series is very good – other episodes are well worth a watch if you're interested in broadening your knowledge of the 20th Century</p>	<p>Lucy Worsley – Empire of the Tsars. Fascinating history of the Romanov dynasty. 3 episodes: Part 1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b06vm9qp/empire-of-the-tsars-romanov-russia-with-lucy-worsley-1-reinventing-russia</p> <p>Part 2: https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b06w0gn7/empire-of-the-tsars-romanov-russia-with-lucy-worsley-2-age-of-extremes</p> <p>Part 3: https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b06wrgzw/empire-of-the-tsars-romanov-russia-with-lucy-worsley-3-the-road-to-revolution</p>
Do	<p>Explain why a key individual from Russian history was significant.</p> <p>What were their key achievements? How did Russia change as a result of their actions? You could choose: Catherine the Great, Peter the Great, Lenin, Stalin, Trotsky</p> <p>You can present your work as an essay, a powerpoint or a very detailed poster.</p>	<p>Compare the significance of two or more individuals. One from the Tsarist and one from the Communist period would be interesting.</p> <p>You can present your work as an essay, a powerpoint or a very detailed poster.</p>	<p>What is Russia like today?</p> <p>Does Russia need a strong ruler?</p> <p>How did 80 years of communism affect life in Russia?</p>

If you have any questions please contact Mr Devlin – mdevlin@nsg.northants.sch.uk

Tudor History transition work



You must complete at least one task from each of the 'Read', 'Watch' and 'Do' sections.

	Core	Extension	Challenge
Read	Read and annotate (make notes on) <i>Henry VIII: Majesty with Menace</i> http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/tudors/majesty_menace_01.shtml	How the Tudor dynasty shaped modern Britain – timeline with really good short sections on key events of the Tudor period. http://www.bbc.co.uk/timelines/zxnbr82#ztfr4wx	Henry VII: Founder of Stability or Incompetent Monarch – a challenge to traditional views of Henry VII as an effective monarch. http://thetudortales.blogspot.com/2014/04/stability.html This article was written by John Guy, an eminent Tudor historian and used to be on his own website.
Watch	Watch and make notes on: <i>Henry VII Winter King</i> (bring these to first lesson) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5FsriGn300	<i>Henry VIII: Patron or Plunderer</i> . Part 1 https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x20npxx Part 2 https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x20nt66 Interesting view of Henry VIII's reign	<i>Wolf Hall</i> – recent BBC drama based on historical novel by Hillary Mantel. Excellent account of the rise of Thomas Cromwell as Henry VIII's chief minister. OR <i>Martin Luther</i> – documentary about the religious reformer. Very interesting on European context and relevant to the reign of Henry VIII. In two parts: Part 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyVrPlp4QsA Part 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsDT1pYOW2c
Do	Mini-biographies of Edward IV, Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward, Mary, Elizabeth You can present your work as an essay, a powerpoint or a very detailed poster.	Who was the most significant Tudor monarch? OR Who was the most effective Tudor monarch? You can present your work as an essay, a powerpoint or a very detailed poster.	Find maps of Europe from around 1485, 1520 and 1550. How had Europe changed during that time? Research the key changes

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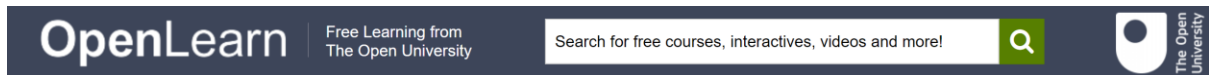
OCR A level History Unit Y106 - England 1485–1558: the Early Tudors (Enquiry topic: Mid Tudor Crises 1547–1558)

Exploring further...

This section contains some optional ideas for deepening and broadening your knowledge of the past



In Our Time is a Radio 4 programme that has episodes about a vast range of historical issues. It's great for finding out about areas you're already interested in or as a sophisticated way into completely new topics. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl>



OpenLearn is where the Open University provides some fantastic free courses. There's a huge variety of high quality courses, on all sorts of topics, such as 'Art and life in ancient Egypt', 'Exploring a Romano-African city: Thugga' and 'French Revolution'. Have a look in the 'History and the Arts' section - <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>



The Historical Association has an excellent selection of 'how to' guides for A level study. They give a great introduction to things like using historical sources, making notes, analysing portraits and much more - <https://www.history.org.uk/student/categories/how-to-16-18>



A different type of task...

Watch a historical film (or use a favourite you've already seen) and investigate how historically accurate it is. You could start by googling 'How accurate is...?' and then move onto more detailed research of a period or research specifics aspects of the film.

A good way to organise your research would be to make a table with a column for 'Things the film got right', another for 'Things the film got wrong' and space at the bottom for a conclusion about overall how accurate it was.

Here are some suggestions (there are obviously lots more you could choose):

1917; 12 Years a Slave; Mary Queen of Scots; Dunkirk; Schindler's List; The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas; Lincoln; Titanic; Suffragette; Elizabeth; Death of Stalin; Ghandi; Gladiator; The Help; Spartacus