

History Summer Induction Work 2026

In order to give you the best possible start in September you need to try to build context. You can do this by rabbit-holding on the internet and researching each of these units. Here are some film/documentary recommendations:

The Crusades

- The 2005 film *Kingdom of Heaven* is based on the events of the 3rd Crusade (this is not particularly accurate but will familiarise you with the story of the crusades- and introduce you to the medieval world)
- Watch the Thomas Asbridge 3-part BBC2 documentary *The Crusades* (available on Amazon Prime)

Westward Expansion and US Civil War

- Watch '1888' on Netflix (it's a precursor to the epic series *Yellowstone*), it's a great contextual study of life for both pioneers moving West and Native Americans.
- Crash Course Westward Expansion:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=shared&v=Q16OZkgSxfM>
- Westward Expansion Doc: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqE68Cvbx6E>

Britain 1930-1997

- Series 1-4 of *The Crown* (This covers British politics 1953-1991)
- The King's Speech* (This covers the abdication crisis is which one of the reasons Churchill was out of favour in the 1930s)
- Darkest Hour* (This covers Churchill becoming prime minister)
- Dunkirk* (This was key to Churchill becoming prime minister)
- Saving Private Ryan* (first 20mins is a very accurate portrayal of the D day landings)
- Pearl Harbour* (Again not particularly accurate but will give you a good idea of the events that led to America joining World War Two)

Tudor Rebellions

- Phillipa Gregory does some excellent historical fiction on the Tudor court.
- *The White Queen and The White Princess* cover the wars of the Roses and the Early Tudor regime and have been made into TV adaptations available on Amazon Prime.

