

History Summer Induction Work

In order to give you the best possible start in September try some of the following tasks:

1. The first topic is the Crusades which many of you will be unfamiliar with. Purchase the Purser textbook and read and make notes on the first chapter (pp.1-13).

Course Texts:

Toby Purser, *OCR A Level: The Crusades and the Crusader States, 1073-1192*

Mike Wells and Nicholas fellows, *OCR A Level: Britain 1930-1997*

These books would be useful for the course, but buying them is not compulsory

Thomas Ashbridge, *The First Crusade: A New History*, (London, 2005)

Andrew Marr, *A History of Modern Britain*, (Oxford, 2007) (The series also available on DVD)

Kenneth Morgan, *Britain Since 1945: The People's Peace*, (Oxford, 2001)

2. 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)

3. (If possible) Watch the Thomas Asbridge 3-part BBC2 documentary *The Crusades* (available on Amazon Prime)

4. Our second topic will be Britain 1930-1997 and there are a whole range of films which will help familiarize you with this topic.

-Series 1-3 of *The Crown* (This covers British politics 1953-1966)

-*The King's Speech* (This covers the abdication crisis which is 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* (The first 20mins is probably the most accurate portrayal of the D day landings)

-*A Bridge too Far* (not only is this one of the greatest films but covers a very famous attempt to break the stalemate following D-day)

-*Pearl Harbour* (Again not particularly accurate but will give you a good idea of the events that led to America joining World War Two)

5. The second year topic is 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.

6. Alongside experiencing nearly 1000 years of history covering economic, social, religious and political this course will also teach you one of the most important and valuable skills - how to write an eloquent, passionate and convincing argument.

Do some research using the books and films listed above and or the internet and other sources and try writing a 500 word essay on one of the following questions:

-Why was the first crusade launched?

-Why did Churchill become Prime Minister in 1940?

-Why was Margaret Thatcher such a controversial prime minister?

-Was the Pilgrimage of Grace a serious threat to the Tudor government?

These can be sent to stye@salisbury6c.ac.uk for feedback. These are A-level questions and will be challenging, you can write as many as you like and can re-write for more feedback. I have put some brief guidance below.

Essay writing Gold:

-Try to have 3 key sections (possible answers to the question) - with one being the most important reason

-Make you overall argument clear from the beginning (in your introduction)

-Make sure every point you make is explicitly linked back to the question (use the words in the question)

-Support your points with examples

-Analysis (this is EVERYTHING) suggest why your argument could be considered wrong but then counter this- say why you believe it is still strong