

Preparation for learning History at A Level: Tudor England 1485-1603

If you are considering taking History at A Level then below are some suggestions for how you might want to prepare for this. This document focuses on the side of the course looking at Tudor History 1485-1603. **At the end there are some tasks** you can undertake to direct your reading and research. These are optional, of course, but should help focus any 'wider reading' you do.

Overview of the A Level Course

We study the AQA specification which can be accessed here:

[AQA History Specification](#)

We do units **1C (Tudors)** and **2N (Russia 1917-53)**. The 'NEA' (Coursework) will be on the **Arab-Israeli conflict 1896-2017**. In general, you can use the specification as your guide and research any topics you like! There are also past/specimen exam papers on there.

For the Tudor section of the course:

A good place to start is to watch The King in the Car Park on YouTube about Richard III. It should give you a sense of the Wars of the Roses:

[YouTube - Richard III Documentary](#)

You should then complete the tasks on SharePoint/Website entitled '**Introductory Material for Tudor History**' which includes research tasks on the Wars of the Roses and profiles on Richard III, Henry VII and Henry VIII.

After this complete the tasks on the '**The Battle of Bosworth Preparation Tasks**' PowerPoint.

You will be into Henry VII territory then so your next task is to watch The Winter King on YouTube to see what he was really like:

[YouTube - The Winter King](#)

Finally, you should complete the pre A-level booklet called '**Preparing for A-Level Tudors**' using the '**Textbook Old AS Tudors**' document.

Additional Challenge: Read and make notes on the article by David Starkey entitled '**From Feud to Faction**'

Books to Buy and Read:

For general advice on additional reading please see '**Tudor – A Level Reading List**'