



Sixth Form Preparation for Success

Welcome to History

OCR History specification H505



Introduction

It is often said that 'Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it.'

In the next year you will be studying two very popular areas of study in the subject, and we ask you to reflect on what you have learnt.

In the first year you will be studying two different aspects of the course:

1. The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1660
2. Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919–1963

In order for you get a good idea of what these topics cover and help you get an overall understanding for both, here are some suggestions and tasks you must complete before you start in September:

Part I – Y11 into 12 History Specific Bridging Work To be completed May – Sept

Remember that prizes will be awarded for 'exceptional' work that demonstrates effort above expected !

a) Investigate places of interest

Given the circumstances, you may not be able to physically visit the places suggested below so try the websites and email their customer services with any questions – people love to hear from young people who show an interest in their line of work!

Any museum is going to give you information about some aspect of the topics we study, but it might spark an interest in a particular area that has nothing to do with the syllabus. This will stand you in good stead for the project in Y13 as you can choose the focus of this.

1. Visit the Civil War museum at Newark, Nottinghamshire
<http://www.nationalcivilwarcentre.com/>
2. Visit a site of interest to the Germany course eg
Imperial War Museum <https://www.iwm.org.uk/>
National Holocaust Centre and Museum <https://www.holocaust.org.uk/>
3. If you are unable to visit museums then download Google expeditions and google arts and culture to your phone and you can visit online expeditions at the USHMM Holocaust Museum for example or the British Library to name just two options.

b) Wider reading

- Read up on the later Elizabethan period (1588 – 1603) and make some brief notes, focusing on issues between monarchy and parliament, and religion.
- Get a head start on the reading by purchasing Peter Ackroyd's Civil War book (great and essential background reading for the course) or look out for 'The English Civil War in 100 facts' by Dr Andrew Lacey
- A fantastic highly readable biography of King Charles I is 'The White King' by Leanda de Lisle
- Read Ian Mortimer's A Time Traveller's guide to Elizabethan England for good English Society background.
- For Germany any History book by Richard Evans (such as *The Coming Of The Third Reich*, London: Allen Lane, 2003) or Ian Kershaw (such as *Hitler* (one-volume abridgment of *Hitler 1889–1936* and *Hitler 1936–1945*; London, 2008), ISBN 1-84614-069-2 or *To Hell and Back: Europe, 1914–1949* (Allen Lane, 2015), ISBN 978-0713990898).
- Try reading fictional books on the era – Philip Kerr's Bernie Gunter novels are great as they have a crime story mixed in with real events (Nazi & post war). Start with the Berlin Noir trilogy. Volker Kutscher's Berlin Babylon series is similar but set in an earlier period (Weimar). There's a superb adaptation of the first book on Netflix called Berlin Babylon, - great story and great characters.
- SJ McLean's Seeker series of books give you some good period detail etc into Cromwellian England and Jemahl Evans a series on the Civil Wars with detective stories- again as with Phillip Kerr it's all background.
- Obviously there are lots of documentaries on things like the History Channel on the Nazis, but try to look at for ones on the Weimar period or the post war era. Again there are plenty of these on Youtube etc such as <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBIhG0qhiWA> (Weimar) and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cK1r4Xw4LQo> (Adanauer's Germany)
- A number of films have been put on the Civil War era have been put on Teams, so indulge yourselves.
- Visit the new Year 12 History Microsoft teams for background lessons, video clips and films to ease you into the topic. If you do not already attend McAuley contact me with a supplied email on pgiannini@mcauley.org.uk and I will add you to the TEAM.
- Watch key video clips and background materials on the Teams channel.

c) Compulsory task

- Both 1918 and 1603 were major turning points in the respective countries history, so some context work is essential. For the Stuarts you have already done the Elizabethan period upto 1588.
- Look at the period 1588 – 1603 and study the politics, society and religion of these years. Use any resources you can find. Think about what the problems would be for the new king, James, as he ascended the throne. Put these order most important-least important and explain your choices.
Go to Youtube and type in D Lowndes Sanderson and find the uploads on History of Germany 1815 – 1990. Listen and watch all the videos (about 6) and make notes on what you think are the key parts of German History eg how do the Germans define Germany in different periods? Where is Germany? How does Germany change in the period?

d) Stretch!

4. Germany – produce a powerpoint on what were the major challenges for the new democratic government in 1918. List and explain them.
5. England – produce a powerpoint on what were the major challenges for James I in 1603, list and explain them.

Part II - Year 12 Head Start! for completion June – September

1. The department follows the OCR A level Specification which can be found here: <https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/170128-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-history-a-h505.pdf> specifically units Y221 Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63 and Y108 The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War.
2. Current McAuley students can access all materials through the Microsoft Teams platform including lessons, Microsoft Streams channels and study packs.
3. Students coming from other schools - please email me at pgiannini@mcauley.org.uk and I will share a link to the googledrive containing the appropriate content.
4. Video links to appropriate material are contained within the dept Stream channel. However for external candidates particularly, Mr Lowndes Sanderson's channel is useful to begin your German studies. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM6hj8Sq2zzcdCbaSSpcA-g/videos>
5. Textbooks will be available in class, but you may choose to invest in your own text book so you can write in your own notes. Good textbooks include, though there are others:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Access-History-Stuarts-English-Revolution/dp/147183882X/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=ocr+early+stuart&qid=1589369687&s=instant-video&sr=1-2-catcorr

https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-Level-History-Britain-1603-1760/dp/1471836703/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=ocr+early+stuart&qid=1589369729&s=instant-video&sr=1-3-catcorr

https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-Level-History-Democracy-Dictatorships/dp/1510416544/ref=sr_1_2?crid=2YUGDEKW5Q07E&dchild=1&keywords=ocr+democracy+and+dictatorship&qid=1589369765&s=instant-video&sprefix=ocr+dem%2Cinstant-video%2C261&sr=8-2

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Access-History-Democracy-Dictatorships-Germany/dp/147183915X/ref=sr_1_3?crid=2YUGDEKW5Q07E&dchild=1&keywords=ocr+democracy+and+dictatorship&qid=1589369794&s=instant-video&sprefix=ocr+dem%2Cinstant-video%2C261&sr=8-3

Good luck in achieving your upcoming GCSE grades and we look forward to welcoming you in September.