

RVHS Academic Reading List

Subject: History



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Subject:	History
Key Stage:	KS3

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Year of Study	Topic	Suggested reading	Type
7	The Norman Conquest The Black Death	<i>1066: The Battle for Middle Earth</i> Battle Abbey Hereward - James Wilde The Black Death (Young Reading Series Two) - Rob Lloyd Jones	F V YA YA
7	The murder of Thomas Becket Crime and punishment in the middle ages	The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England: A Handbook for Visitors to the Fourteenth Century - Ian Mortimer Canterbury Cathedral	NFA V
7	Henry VIII	Wolf Hall - Hilary Mantel The Other Boleyn Girl - Philippa Gregory/ Film (12A)	N N/ F
8	The Witchcraze Enlightenment	The Crucible - Arthur Miller (American History but the subject is similar) Witchfinders: A seventeenth Century English Tragedy - Malcom Gaskill Candide - Voltaire The Enlightenment: A very Short introduction Science Museum	N/ Play NF N NF

8	Slave Trade	The interesting narrative of the life of Olaudah Equiano - Olaudah Equiano	NF
	Industrial Revolution	Unheard Voices: An Anthology of Stories and Poems to Commemorate the Bicentenary Anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade- Malorie Blackman Oliver Twist, Hard times, Great Expectations - Charles Dickens	N N
8	Jack the Ripper	Sherlock Holmes series - Arthur Conan Doyle (Study in Scarlet, Conan Doyle's first Sherlock story, was published in the same year as the Ripper murders -1888) [Note: there are lots of books about the Ripper murders but they require parental discretion due to the nature of the crimes. I have therefore not recommended any here. Instead I would suggest some visits you can do together as a family] The Clink The Metropolitan Police museum Jack the Ripper Walking tour of Whitechapel	N V V V
9	First World War	The Penguin Book for First World War Poetry- Matthew George Walter Regeneration - Pat Barker Local War Memorial	NF N V
	Communism and Capitalism	The Communist Manifesto - Karl Marx Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck Animal Farm - George Orwell The People's Act of Love - James Meek	NF N N N
9	The Second World War	The Book Thief - Markus Zusak When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Judith Kerr	YA/ N
	The Holocaust	Anne Frank's Diary Maus: A survivor's tale - Art Spiegelman Auslander - Paul Dowsell	YA NF GN YA
9	Superpower relations and the Cold War	The Wall: Growing up behind the Iron Curtain - Peter Sis Dancer, Daughter, Traitor, Spy - Elizabeth Kiem Goodbye Lenin Iron Curtain Kid - Oliver Fritz	YA YA F NF

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10	Superpower relations and the Cold war *See also year 9 reading lists	<i>The Origins of the Cold War 1941-1949- 3rd edition'</i> Martin McCauley- <i>How did it happen? The Cold War'</i> Paul Hamson- <i>Timelines- The Cold War'</i> R.G Grant <i>The Cold War'</i> David Taylor <i>The USSR since 1945'</i> Elizabeth Campling	NF NF NF
10	Anglo-Saxon and Norman England	The Norman Conquest - Marc Morris Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Anglo-Saxon and Norman England 1060-1089 The Norman Conquest: A very short introduction - George Garnett 'The Normans' - BBC Episode 2: Conquest. <i>1066: The Battle for Middle Earth</i> <i>Waltham Abbey</i>	NF TB NF D F V
10	Crime and Punishment c.1000-present	<i>Edexcel GCSE History (9-1) Crime and punishment through time, c1000 - present</i> BBC The Gunpowder Plot <i>Derek William Bentley 'A victim of British justice?'</i> <i>Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot</i> (BBC) <i>Tony Robinson's Crime and Punishment</i> (Channel 4, 2008) <i>Let Him Have It</i> Crime & Punishment – The story of capital punishment (BBC)	TB D NF D D F D

11	Whitechapel - Policing and environment	<p><i>London's Shadows: The Dark Side of the Victorian City</i> by Drew D. Gray</p> <p><i>East End 1888</i> by William J. Fishman</p> <p><i>Victorian England</i> by Liza Picard</p> <p>http://www.whitechapelociety.com/east-end-policing-in-the-19th-century/</p> <p>https://www.jack-the-ripper.org/metropolitan-police-1888.htm</p> <p>Oliver Twist - Charles Dickens</p>	<p>NF</p> <p>NF</p> <p>NF</p> <p>NF</p> <p>N</p>
11	The Rise of the Nazis	<p><i>Alone in Berlin</i> by Han Fallada</p> <p><i>Hitler –the rise of evil</i></p> <p><i>The Nazis a warning from History</i></p> <p><i>Weimar and Nazi Germany</i> by Hinton and Hite</p> <p><i>The Third Reich</i> by Michael Burleigh</p> <p><i>The man in the high castle</i> by Philip K Dick</p> <p>Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939</p> <p>The Pianist</p>	<p>NF</p> <p>F</p> <p>D</p> <p>NF</p> <p>NF</p> <p>N</p> <p>TB</p> <p>F</p>

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Year of Study	Topic	Suggested reading	Type
12	Life in the GDR	Iron Curtain Kid - Oliver Fritz	NF
		Stasiland - Anna Funder	NF
		Goodbye Lenin	F
		The Lives of Others	F
		Born in the GDR: Living in the Shadow of the Wall - Hester Vaizey	NF
		History+ for Edexcel A Level: Communist states in the twentieth century	TB
		Stasi: The untold story of the German Secret Police - John Koehler	NF
12	Life in the USSR	East Germany: The History and Legacy of the Soviet Satellite State Established after World War II - Charles River	NF
		A People's Tragedy - Orlando Figes	NF
		Russia: a 1,000 year chronicle of the Wild East - Martin Sixsmith	NF
		A History of Modern Russia: From Lenin to Putin - Robert Service	NF
		The Penguin History of Modern Russia: From Tsardom to the twenty first century - Robert Service	NF
		The Last of the Tsars - Robert service	NF
		The Soviet Union: A Very Short Introduction - Stephe Lovell	NF

13	Coursework - Independent research project	<p>This will be dependent on your chosen subject. Previous topics have included:</p> <p>The Cold War</p> <p>The Cuban Missile Crisis</p> <p>The Kennedy Assassination</p> <p>The Fall of the Third Reich</p> <p>The European Witch Craze</p> <p>[Reading for many of these topics is already listed across KS3-5]</p>	
13	British Empire	<p>Empire: How Britain made the Modern World - Niall Ferguson</p> <p>The British Empire: A Very Short Introduction - Ashely Jackson</p> <p>Empire: What ruling the world did to the British - Jeremy Paxman</p> <p>Edexcel A Level History, Paper 3: Britain: losing and gaining an empire, 1763-1914 Student Book + ActiveBook</p> <p>The British in India: Three centuries of ambition and experience - David Gilmour</p>	<p>NF</p> <p>NF</p> <p>NF</p> <p>TB</p> <p>NF</p>