

HELSEBY

Sixth Form



Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Material

A-Level History

Congratulations on choosing to study History at A-Level

The information and tasks contained in this booklet will help you to research and prepare for your course when you start at Sixth Form Helsby in September. They will provide you with an overview of what to expect from your A Level studies and help you to develop a greater understanding of the subject.

This is by no means an exhaustive list but it will help you to start thinking about the subject and extra-curricular study and research.

Podcasts

BBC Radio 4: In our Time
You're Dead to Me
The Rest is History

Trips/Visits

Hampton Court Palace
Tower of London

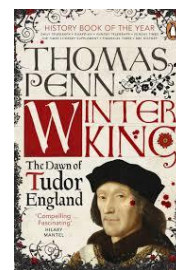
Magazines

BBC History
BBC World Histories
History Today

Reading / Audio-books

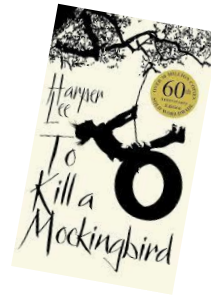
Non-Fiction

The Winter King— Thomas Penn
The Private Lives of the Tudors - Tracy Borman
Henry VIII: The Life and Rule England's Nero - John Matusiak
Edward VI: The Lost King of England - Chris Skidmore
Six Tudor Queens—Alison Weir
The Narrative of the life of a slave by Frederick Douglass
Nicholas II: The Last Tsar — Nicholas Paterson
The Last of the Tsar: Nicholas II and the Russian Revolution - Robert Service
Lenin on the Train - Catherine Merridale
Stalin: A Biography —Robert Service
The Russian Revolution)— Sheila Fitzpatrick
The Story of Russia — Orlando Figes
Olympic Pride, American Prejudice—D Riley Draper and T Thrasher
Better Day Coming : Blacks and Equality 1890-2000— Adam Fairclough
Rising from the Rails: the Story of the Pullman Porter
Hidden Figures – Margot Lee Shetterly



Fiction

Dissolution -CJ Sansom
The White Queen – Philippa Gregory
Wolf Hall – Hilary Mantel
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry- Mildred D Taylor
To Kill A Mockingbird – Harper Lee
Uncle Tom’s Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
War and Peace (F) –Leo Tolstoy
Doctor Zhivago – Boris Pasternak



Films/ TV

Wolf Hall— (BBC series , 2015)
Mary Queen of Scots (2019)
Doctor Zhivago (1965)
Enemy at the Gates (2001)
The Death of Stalin (2017)
Lincoln(2012)
To Kill A Mockingbird (1962)
Selma (2014)
The Butler (2013)
Hidden Figures (2016)
Till (2022)
Malcolm X
The Help (2011)
Harriet
Mrs America (Amazon Prime series)
On the basis of Sex (2018)
Haymarket: The Bomb, the Anarchists, the Labor Struggle' (2021)
The Last Pullman Car (1983)
Rising from the Rails; the Story of the Last Pullman Porter Documentary (2007)



Documentaries

Six Wives with Lucy Worsley – BBC iPlayer
Empire of the Tsars – Lucy Worsley – BBC iPlayer

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