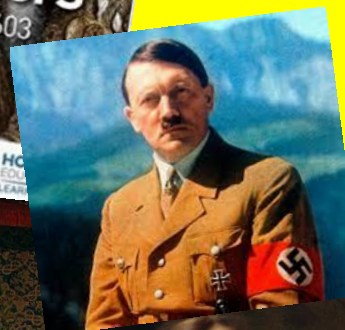
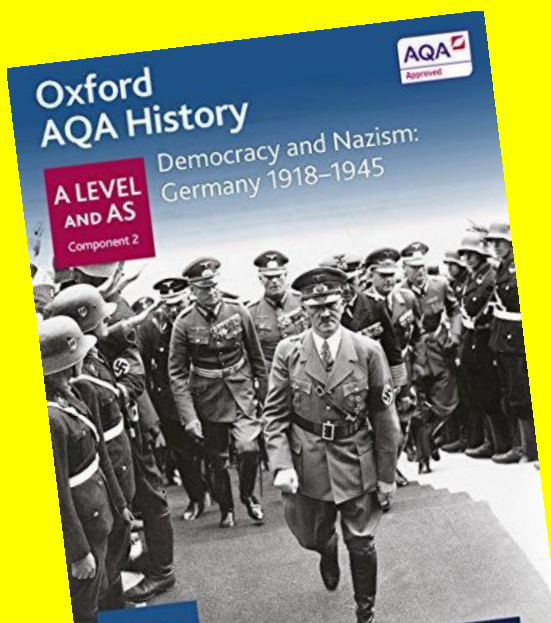


Transitioning to A Level

A Level History



The History Department want you to fall in love with studying the past. We want you to engage fully with the topics we study and to critically analyse these fascinating periods of history.

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However, that does not mean we want you to ‘burn out’ before you get to your studies in September. If you want to do some reading, we have given you some recommendations.

However, we also enjoy the amazing films and documentaries focused on the periods we study. We have also recommended some of these in this booklet.

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What will I study?

Your A Level History studies has three components:

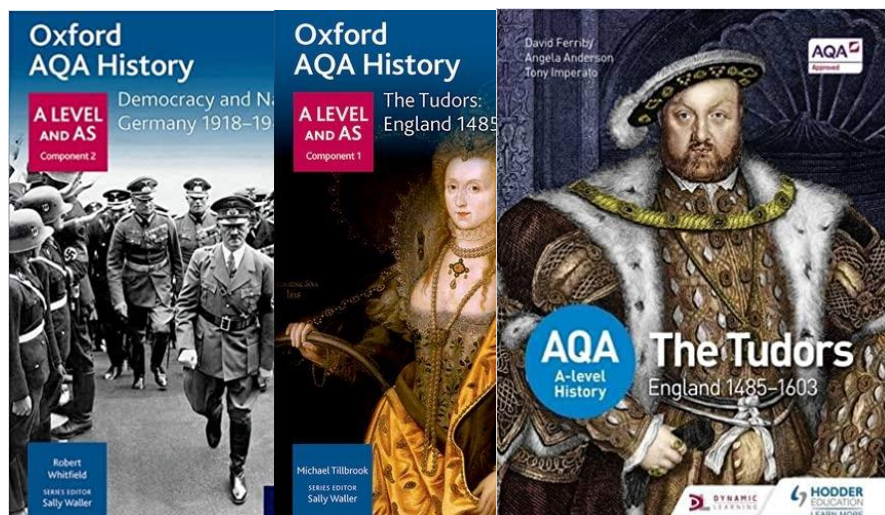
- The Tudors 1485-1603 = 40%
- Democracy and Nazism 1918-1945 = 40%
- The Stuarts 1603-1702 (coursework) = 20%

You will sit one exam for the Tudor course and one exam for the Germany course. The Stuarts coursework consists of a 4,500 essay.

Our exam board is AQA



You will be given these textbooks



We are one of the leading History departments in the country...

We have achieved outstanding results every year since the reformed A Levels were introduced

A*-A

2017 = 38% (national average = 18%)

2018 = 53% (national average = 21%)

2019 = 41% (national average = 20%)

A*-B

2017 = 76% (national average = 47%)

2018 = 80% (national average = 46%)

2019 = 79% (national average = 46%)

Why might I thrive at A Level?

1. You only need to master two exam style questions, not the ten you tackled at GCSE.
2. You only need to manage two courses (plus coursework), instead of the five courses you studied at GCSE.
3. You will not repeat content learned at GCSE, but some of your studies will give you great context to parts of your A Level.

Ambitions to study at university?

The History department has a proven track record of supporting and inspiring students to study history at university. The percentage of history students that continue their studies at university is over double the average in Hampshire.

The History department also has the expertise to challenge and support you in making applications to the best universities in the country.

Five students in the past three years have continued their History studies at Oxford and Cambridge...



Thomas Trott joined Bay House from Crofton. He is reading History at the University of Oxford (Clare).



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William E.J. Rowland joined Bay House from Crofton. He is reading History at the University of Cambridge (Gonville and Caius).



Jessica Coulson joined Bay House from Crofton. She is studying history at the University of Cambridge



Jade Davies-Storey joined Bay House from Portsmouth Academy. She is studying history at Oxford.

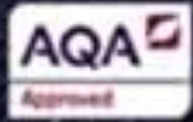


Phoebe Williams joined Bay House from Crofton. She is reading History at the University of Oxford (Christ's).



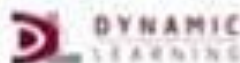
The Tudors 1485-1603

David Ferraby
Angela Anderson
Tony Imperato



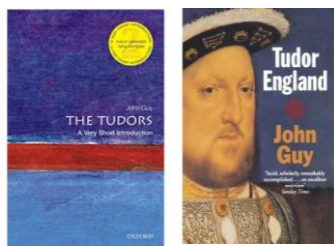
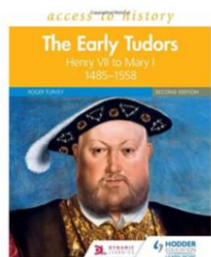
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The Tudors
England 1485-1603



Studying the Tudors

Arguably the most exciting dynasty in British royal history, the Tudors ruled England from 1485-1603. Comprising of five monarchs, the dynasty paved the way for modern Britain. From the first queen in her own right, Mary I, to the tyrannical Henry VIII, famed for his six wives and severing England's link with the Catholic Church, the Tudors are one of the most recognisable and influential royal families in British history. In AS year we look at Henry VII and Henry VIII, and then at A2 we look at Henry VIII's children: Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I.



Pre-Course Reading

If you fancy learning a bit about the Tudors before your course starts then here are a few recommendations. **All of these books will be useful for both years of A Level study, although you do not need to buy them to achieve a good grade.** They are all available from Amazon in print and e-book format:

- **Roger Turvey - *The Early Tudors, Henry VII to Mary I (1485-1558)*** – designed to accompany the course, this study guide is really useful to introduce key themes and the key players within Tudor England.
- **John Guy – *A Very Short Introduction to the Tudors*** – one of the most well informed historians of the Tudor period, John Guy's 'very short introduction' sums up the period very well and in 158 pages!
- **John Guy – *Tudor England*** – again, this book provides a very good overview of the Tudor period, and we shall be using it sometimes in class.

Tudor Films and Television Programmes

- Mary, Queen of Scots (2018)
- The Other Boleyn Girl (2008)
- Elizabeth (1998)
- Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007)
- Wolf Hall, BBC (2015) – currently available on BBC iPlayer



Documentaries

- Lucy Worsley - *Six Wives of Henry VIII*
- Thomas Penn – *The Winter King*
- David Starkey – *Henry VIII: The Mind of a Tyrant*
- Lucy Worsley and David Starkey – *Britain's Tudor Treasure: A Night at Hampton Court*
- Suzannah Lipscomb and Dan Jones – *Henry VIII and His Six Wives*



Podcasts

- British Library – **British Library Henry VIII Podcasts**
- BBC History Extra – **The Origins of the Tudors with Stephen Gunn**, October 2017
- Versus History – **The Dissolution of the Monasteries**
- Versus History – **The Break with Rome**
- BBC History Extra – **Henry VIII with John Guy**, January 2015

Historical Fiction

- Hilary Mantel – **Wolf Hall trilogy**
- C. J. Sansom – **Shardlake series**
- Allison Weir books
- Philippa Gregory books



Places to visit online

- Hampton Court Palace, probably Henry VIII's most famous palace
<https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/>
- The National Portrait Gallery – use the link to look around the Tudor gallery online
<https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/explore/discover-the-tudors/>
- The Mary Rose Museum – they have uploaded many photos and descriptions of items which were found aboard Henry VIII's ship
<https://maryrose.org/the-artefacts/1/>



Democracy and Nazism 1918-1945

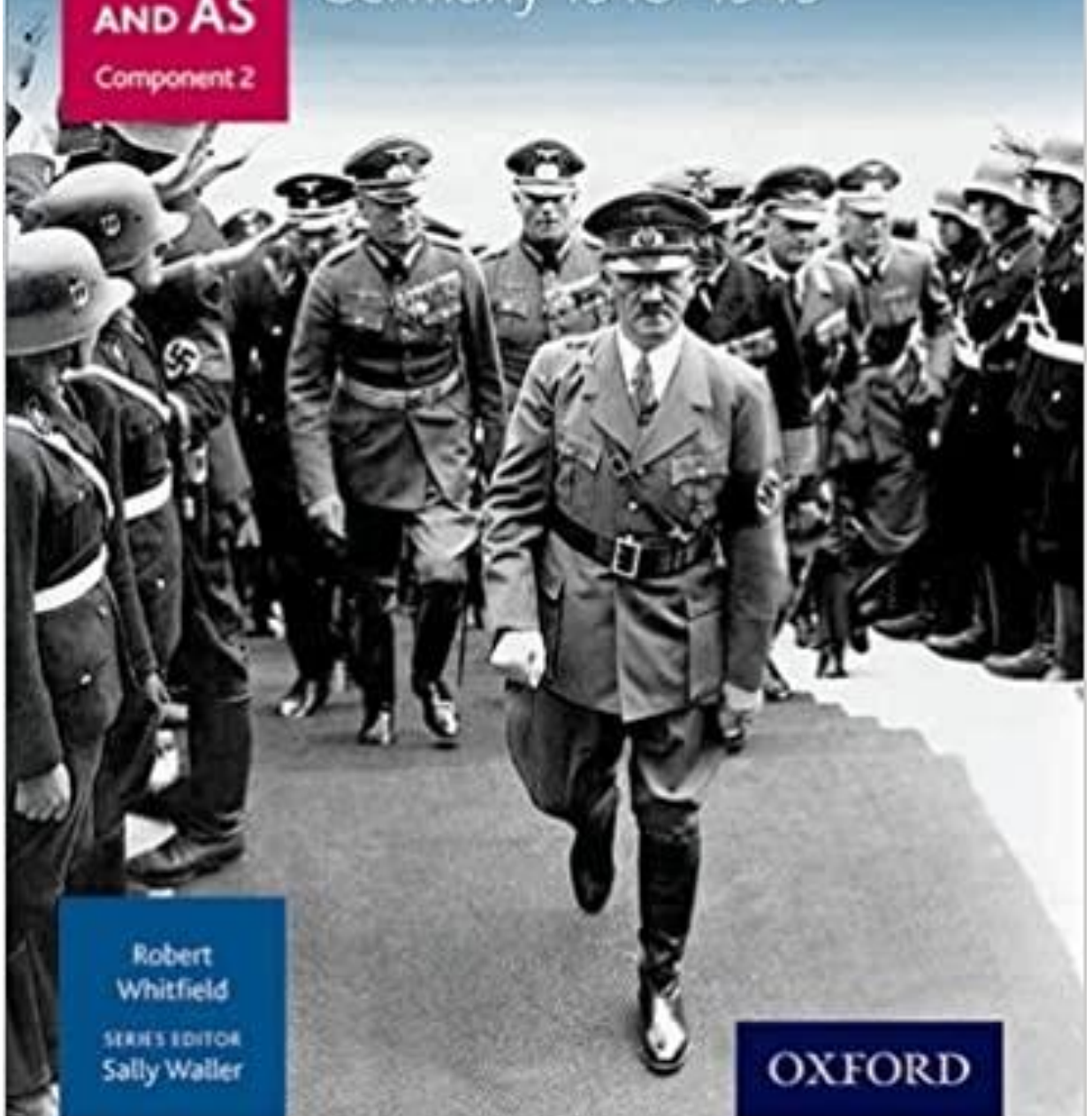
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Component 2

Democracy and Nazism:
Germany 1918-1945



Robert
Whitfield

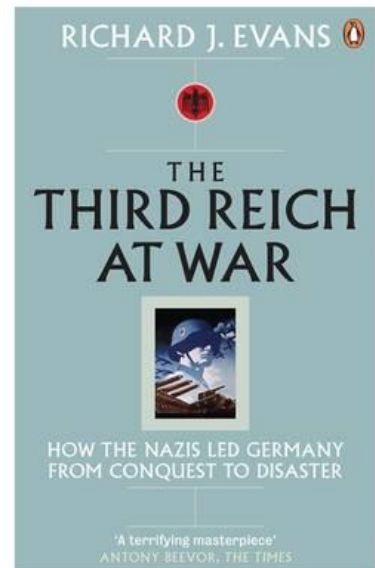
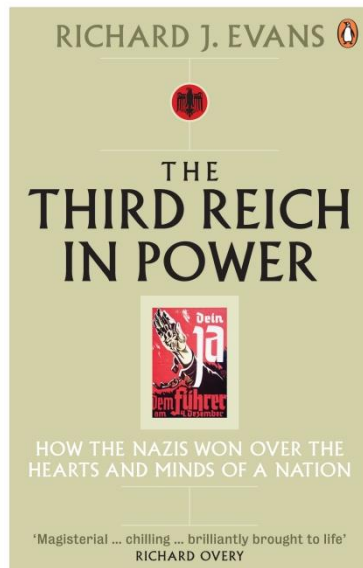
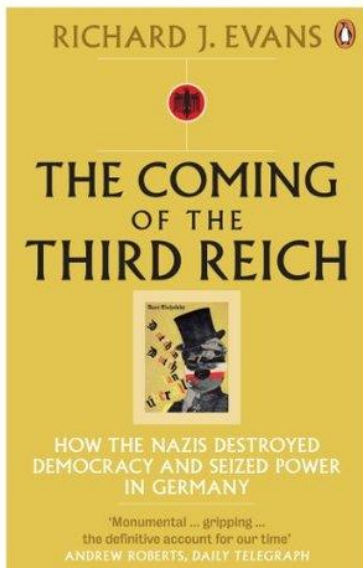
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Fancy some pre-reading?

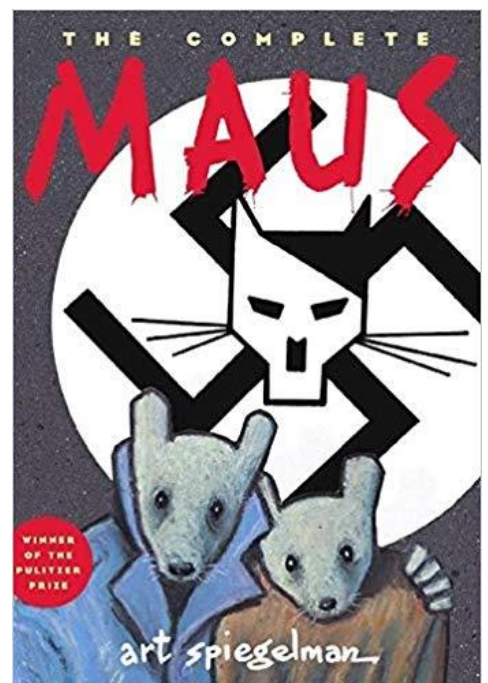
Richard Evans' trilogy

This is Mr Kneller's favourite history written about the period we cover from 1918-1945. The first book covers every aspect of our first year studies, and then the next two cover the period 1933-1945. I highly recommend. If you do buy them, remember you can bring these to class too as extra reading when you are done with the textbook. However, you do not need to buy books to achieve a high grade.



Maus

This is a graphic novel by American cartoonist Art Spiegelman, serialized from 1980 to 1991. It depicts Spiegelman interviewing his father about his experiences as a Polish Jew and Holocaust survivor. The work represents Jews as mice, Germans as cats, and Poles as pigs. Critics have classified *Maus* as memoir, biography, history, fiction, autobiography, or a mix of genres. In 1992, it became the first graphic novel to win a Pulitzer Prize.



Online Resources

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum =
<https://www.ushmm.org/learn>

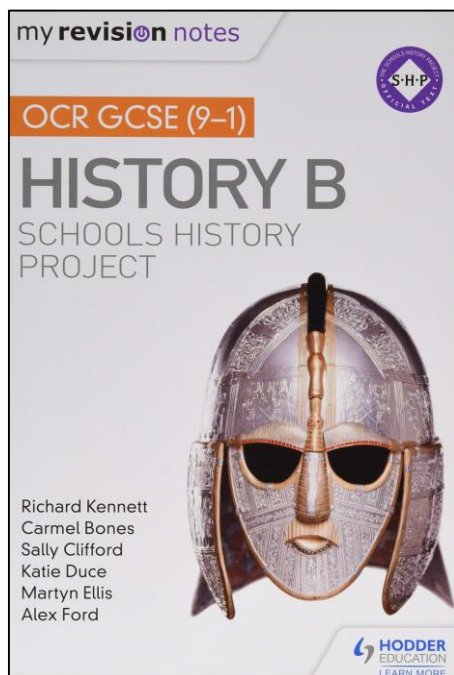
Hitler's rise to Power =
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z3bp82p/revision/1>

Hitler's rise to Power = <https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/video/hitlers-rise-power-1918-1933>

The Rise of Hitler = <https://www.historyextra.com/period/second-world-war/rise-hitler-power-nazi-germany-world-war-two-how-did-he-podcast/>

Hitler's rise and fall = <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/history/hitlers-rise-and-fall-timeline#>

Resources I already have



You wont study Nazi Germany (1933 onwards) until the second year. However, there is no harm in looking over the Nazi Germany course you studied at GCSE.

Weimar and Nazi Germany Viewing

NETFLIX

Films

Operation Finale

The Pianist

Schindler's List

The Photographer of Mauthausen

Look Who's Back (subtitle)

The Resistance Banker

Valkyrie

Defiance



Documentaries

Auschwitz: The Nazis and the Final Solution (Year 2)

Einsatzgruppen: The Nazi Death Squads

The Last Nazis

Nazi Concentration Camps

Hitler's Circle of Evil

World War II in Colour

Hitler: A Career

Greatest Events of WW2



Mr Kneller's DVDs

The Nazis: A Warning from History (Year 1 and 2)

The Dark Charisma of Adolf Hitler (Year 1 and 2)

Auschwitz: The Nazis and the Final Solution (Year 2)

Berlin (Year 1 and 2)

Schindler's List (Year 2)

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (Year 2)

The Book Thief (Year 2)

Valkyrie (Year 2)

Hitler: The Rise of Evil (Year 1)

Denial (Year 2)

Hitler: The Rise and Fall (Year 1 and 2)





BBC
Bitesize

Hitler's Rise to Power

Andrew Marr's History of the World = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Br-QxsOJ-Jg>

History File = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YPYAyLIRQo>

Ted Ed = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFICRFKtAc4>

(feature length drama) Rise of Evil – Part 1 =

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMVy8_98I-o

(feature length drama) Rise of Evil – Part 2 =

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrLK3iY4xb8>

Life in Nazi Germany

History File = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2VE--RqpyQ>

BBC Bitesize Revision = <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zchx2p3>

TED ED – student resistance to the Nazis =

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtOKRsF6Rr0>



Architects of Darkness

Anthropoid

The Hitler Youth

Life of Adolf Hitler

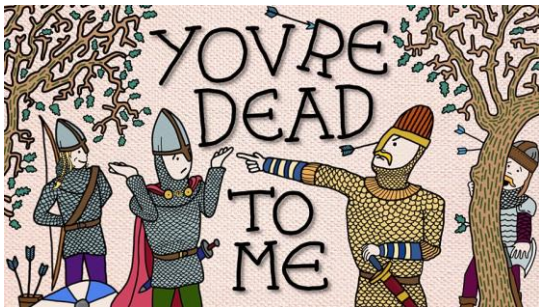
Top Podcasts



All available on Spotify

Podcasts have become increasingly popular with our students when learning about history. If you have a passion for the past then they are great for getting a concise but detailed understanding of a topic. You don't have to listen to podcasts that are only focused on our areas of study, we encourage you to learn about other historical periods!

You're Dead to Me



The history podcast for people who don't like history... and those who do. Greg Jenner brings together the best names in comedy and history to learn and laugh about the past.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07mdbhg/episodes/player>

In Our Time

This podcast series is held in high regard and it is one of the BBC's more prestigious shows.

This show invites some of the world's leading experts on all areas of history. This is far more academic than 'You're Dead to Me'.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/598SVYJ2smP8qJlpH29y7Vj/podcasts>



Versus History

Run by three passionate history teachers, this podcast series discusses some of the key questions in the past. Listening to this is great to improve your argument skills.

<http://www.versushistory.com/>



Extracurricular

As History students you will get the opportunity to go on two trips whilst you are at Bay House. These amazing trips take you to the heart of Italy and Germany.

We have also attracted leading academics to give talks to our students. These provide students the opportunity to engage with subject experts on the topics we study.

There is also a History Cinema Club that started in 2020. If you love film and history, then this is a great opportunity to combine your passions.

The Italy Trip 2021



The Berlin Trip 2022



Guest Speakers

Here are a few guest speakers we have invited over the past few years

Professor Neil Gregor from the University of Southampton gave a lecture to Bay House history students on the different interpretations of Adolf Hitler.



Professor William Gibson gave a lecture to Bay House history students focused on the reign of Charles II.

Lindsay Powell gave a lecture to History and Ancient History students focused on Augustus.



History Cinema Club

Every month we will try to arrange a trip to the cinema (after college hours) to catch a film related to history.

It is a fairly new club starting in 2020 but we managed to see Jojo Rabbit and 1917 on the big screen.

If you love film and history then this is a great opportunity to combine those passions and

meet some new friends!

