

A level History

The Burgate School and Sixth Form

During the two-year period, you will study both The Tudors and The Cold War concurrently and will be examined on both at the end of the course.



History transition pack

Year 1: Year 12

Component 1: **The Tudors**: England, 1485 – 1598

Year One: Consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty: England, 1485–1547

In Year 12, you will study:

- Henry VII, 1485-1509
- Henry VIII, 1509-1547

In preparation for Year 12, you should do the following:

1. Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBpSRQ6wVPU> and make notes. You should stop and start the documentary and write down all of the key information. This is a good introduction to Henry VII.
2. Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gR3nBufBCw> and make notes. Once again you should stop and start so you can write down the key information. This is a good introduction to Henry VIII.
3. Once you have watched both of the documentaries, write a profile on each Monarch using the following headings:
 - Personal character
 - Achievements
 - Failures
 - Overall effectiveness as a ruler

Below is a list of useful books that are available for the course. A textbook will be given to you in September so the books below are not mandatory but would help enhance your knowledge and are good for those students who wish to aim for the top grades.

Useful books for students

- D Murphy (ed), England 1485-1603, Collins, 1999
- N Fellows, Disorder and Rebellion in Tudor England, Hodder, 2009
- R Lockyer & D O'Sullivan, Tudor Britain 1485-1603, Longman, 1993
- K Randall, Henry VIII and the Government of England, Hodder, 2001

Biographies and first-hand accounts

- S Chrimes, Henry VII, Yale, 1999
- D Cook, Sixteenth Century England Documents and Debates, Macmillan, 1980
- D Cressy & L Ferrell, Religion and Society in Early modern England A Sourcebook, Routledge, 1996
- R Horrox, Richard III, CUP, 1991

Visual sources and websites

- www.johnguy.co.uk
- www.history.ac.uk
- www.activehistory.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/history
- www.tudorplace.com
- The Six Wives of Henry VIII, Elizabeth DVDs – D Starkey

Year 1: Year 12

Component 2: The Cold War: 1945 – 1991

Year One: International Relations between 1945 and 1963

In Year 12, you will study:

- The origins of the Cold War, 1945 – 1949
- The widening of the Cold War, 1949 – 1955
- The Global War, 1955 – 1963

In preparation for Year 12, you should do the following:

1. Watch these four documentaries which give an excellent overview of the start of the course. You should stop and start them and write down key facts. You should aim to have at least a page and a half from each documentary.

- a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sH2kk4x5Dog&list=PLA5e6wnPHowiO5LidRSCVnplwK1HWyXb7&index=1>
- b. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2l7Xcl8sF2M&list=PLA5e6wnPHowiO5LidRSCVnplwK1HWyXb7&index=2>
- c. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPiZ8wlf - I&list=PLA5e6wnPHowiO5LidRSCVnplwK1HWyXb7&index=4>

2. Once you have completed these documentaries make a profile for Stalin and Truman – two key players in the outbreak of the Cold War. You should include:

- Personality and character
- Political ideology
- Achievements as leader
- Failures as leader
- Overall effectiveness as a leader – give them a score out of 10 and explain why.

3. Who was more responsible for the outbreak of the Cold War?

Explain your answer with reference to both Truman (USA) and Stalin (USSR). You could consider how responsibility perhaps changed over the early period. You should write at least a page to answer this. You should also include a counter-argument in your response. Please bring this to your first lesson in Year 12.

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- G S Barrass, The Great Cold War, Stanford University Press, 2009
- John Lewis Gaddis, The Cold War, Penguin, 2007
- J Mason, The Cold War: 1945-1991 (Lancaster Pamphlets), Routledge, 1996
- M Walker, The Cold War and the Making of the Modern World, Vintage, 1994
- Westad The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times, CUP, 2007

Biographies and first-hand accounts

- R Nixon, *Memoirs*, Simon and Schuster, 1981
- Gorbachev, *Memoirs*, Doubleday, 2007
- R Kennedy, *Thirteen Days: A Memoir of the Cuban Missile Crisis*, WW Norton, 2002
- H Kissinger, *White House Years*, Simon and Schuster, 1979
- H Kissinger, *Years of Upheaval*, Simon and Schuster, 1982

Visual sources and websites

- S Khrushchev, *Drawing the Curtain: The Cold War in Cartoons*, Fontanka, 2012
- <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/program/cold-war-international-history-project>
- http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/coldwar.asp
- <http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/coldwar/documents/>
- http://millercenter.org/academic/dgs/primaryresources/cold_war
- <http://www.historywiz.com/primarysources/coldwarprimary.html>
- <http://web.archive.org/web/20081217154418/http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cold.war/>