



Transition Materials for A Level History

The Tudors: England, 1485 - 1603



Introduction

It is great that you are considering studying History at A Level.

This pack contains a programme of activities and resources to prepare you to start an A Level in History in September. It is aimed to be used after you complete your GCSE throughout the remainder of the summer term and over the summer holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September.

Discovering the past is great fun. I hope that you will agree!

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1. Reading List

Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The White Queen</i>, Philippa Gregory• <i>The Red Queen</i>, Philippa Gregory• <i>The Kingmaker's Daughter</i>, Philippa Gregory• <i>The Sunne in Splendour</i>, Sharon Kay Penman• <i>Richard III</i>, William Shakespeare
Non-Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Plantagenets</i>, Dan Jones (2013)• <i>The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses and the Rise of the Tudors</i>, Dan Jones (2015)• <i>The Wars of the Roses</i>, Michael Hicks (2012)• <i>The Family of Richard III</i>, Michael Hicks (2015)• <i>Winter King: The Dawn of Tudor England</i>, Thomas Penn (2012)
Film Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The White Queen• The Hollow Crown• Richard III (1995)• The Other Boleyn Girl (2003)• Wolf Hall (2015)
AQA	<p>AQA have also produced a reading list which is quite extensive, lots of these books are in the LRC or I have a copy of. Feel free to check a book out or borrow from the department. We have uploaded the reading list on the website but just incase, you can also find it here: Resource list: Component 1C The Tudors: England, 1485-1603 (aqa.org.uk)</p>

2. Independent Research, Knowledge and Skills

- 1) Draw a timeline explaining the Wars of the Roses.
- 2) What was the role of a medieval king? How does this differ when compared with the role of the British monarch today?
- 3) What was life like in medieval England? Create fact files for each aspect, such as landscape, economy, education, religion and food. Feel free to add extra fact files following your research.
- 4) Find at least 5 images that show what life was like in Tudor England. Annotate each to tell its story.
- 5) What role did religion play in Tudor England? What was the religious landscape of Europe in the C16th? Tip: Download and annotate a map of Europe.
- 6) Draw a family tree of the Plantagenets and the Lancaster/ Tudors. Add images.
- 7) Mark the Tudor claim to the throne back to Edward III
- 8) Research the Princes in the Tower. What do you think happened to them? What motive would Richard III have had for murdering the boys?
- 9) What is a Usurper? What was Henry VII's claim to the throne?
- 10) Outline the key events of the Battle of Bosworth.
- 11) Why was Elizabeth of York's marriage to Henry Tudor important?
- 12) Complete the glossary of key terms on the next page.

Suggested websites:

- <http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/medieval-england/>
- <http://www.warsoftheroses.com/>
- <http://www.historyextra.com/article/military-history/12-facts-wars-roses>
- <http://shakespeare.mit.edu/richardiii/full.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZH7CKzhCyyA>
- <http://tudorhistory.org/monarchs/>
- <http://www.royal.gov.uk/HistoryoftheMonarchy/KingsandQueensofEngland/TheTudors/TheTudors.aspx>
- <http://www.historyonthenet.com/tudors/monarchs.htm>
- <http://tudorhistory.org/>
- <http://tudortimes.co.uk/>

Glossary:

Armiger	
Attainder	
Borough	
Constable	
Demesne	
Freehold	
Glebe	
Noble	
Reeve	
Sheriff	
Tithe	
Tourney	
Villein	
Wardship	
Feudal System	
Act of Succession	
Almoner	
Closet	
Codpiece	
Dispensation	
Jousting	
Oratory	
Papal Bull	
Privy Chamber	
Reformation	
Sumptuary Laws	
Sweating sickness	

3. The World is Out There Optional but real world research

- 1) Visit a Tudor building in your local area. Some examples include Hampton Court, Thornbury Castle, Penshurst Place, Montacute House, The Vyne, Hever Castle, Little Moreton Hall, Eltham Palace.
- 2) Visit the Tower of London and spend time in the White Tower.
- 3) Visit the Tudor galleries in the National Portrait Museum. Research 5 individuals who caught your attention!
- 4) Read Shakespeare's plays Richard III and Henry VIII. Even better if you can see an adaptation on stage.
- 5) Visit The Globe Theatre, London.
- 6) Watch the TV series The White Queen.
- 7) Watch the TV series Hollow Crown.
- 8) Visit a local museum to learn what life was like in your area during the reign of Tudor monarchs.