

## Historical Films and Documentaries

Please note that the films and documentaries listed below are appropriate for the year group specified. They range from ratings of PG – 15.

### Year 7

Title	Description	Source	Link
Sword, Musket & Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History	In the first of this three-part series, Dr Sam Willis charts the evolution of weaponry in Britain throughout the Middle Ages.  Beginning with the Battle of Ethandun in 878, when the future of Anglo-Saxon England lay in the balance, Sam examines the weapons and tactics used by King Alfred to keep the Viking raiders at bay, and gets hands-on experience as he joins re-enactors behind a shield-wall, used by the Anglo-Saxons en masse as an attacking weapon to drive back and defeat the Vikings.	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b087llsj/sword-musket-machine-gun-britains-armed-history-1-cut-thrust">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b087llsj/sword-musket-machine-gun-britains-armed-history-1-cut-thrust</a>
Beyond the Walls: In Search of Celts	According to official History books, the Celts were defeated and pushed to the edges of Britain by waves of Roman and Anglo Saxon invaders. However a growing body of evidence suggests this is not the full story	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bt8w56/beyond-the-walls-in-search-of-the-celts">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bt8w56/beyond-the-walls-in-search-of-the-celts</a>
Inside the Medieval Mind	Leading authority on the Middle Ages, Professor Robert Bartlett, presents a series which examines the way we thought during medieval times. Our forebears believed they shared the world with the dead and that angels and demons battled for control of human souls. As the church's grip on our beliefs increased, men and women were dragged before religious courts and multitudes were killed in the name of God.	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00b413s/inside-the-medieval-mind-3-belief">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00b413s/inside-the-medieval-mind-3-belief</a>
King Alfred and the Anglo Saxons	Alfred's grandson Aethelstan fulfils the family plan and creates a kingdom of all England.	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b038rkw9/king-alfred-and-the-anglo-saxons-3-aethelstan-the-first-king-of-england">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b038rkw9/king-alfred-and-the-anglo-saxons-3-aethelstan-the-first-king-of-england</a>
Pompeii: New secrets revealed with Mary Beard	With unparalleled access to Pompeii and featuring cutting-edge modern technology, Mary Beard guides us through this amazing slice of the ancient world. For the first time ever, CT scanning and x-ray equipment bring new light to the secrets of the victims of the 79 AD eruption. Mary unpacks the human stories behind the tragic figures - gladiators, slaves, businesswomen and children.	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b072nxtm/pompeii-new-secrets-revealed-with-mary-beard">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b072nxtm/pompeii-new-secrets-revealed-with-mary-beard</a>

Britain's Viking Graveyard	A mass Viking grave has been found in a Derbyshire garden. It reveals the extraordinary stories of female Viking warriors and new evidence of a massive military encampment.	40D	<a href="https://www.channel4.com/programmes/britains-viking-graveyard">https://www.channel4.com/programmes/britains-viking-graveyard</a>
The Celts	From Queen Boudica to King Arthur, the ancient heritage of the Celts intrigues and inspires to this day. Richard Rudgley separates history from myth in a journey across Europe's Celtic heartland.	40D	<a href="https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-celts">https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-celts</a>
Britain AD: King Arthur's Britain	Francis Pryor reveals that the Roman invasion of Britain was not a brutal suppression of indigenous culture but a mutually beneficial experience that the Britons may have actually instigated.	40D	<a href="https://www.channel4.com/programmes/britain-ad-king-arthurs-britain">https://www.channel4.com/programmes/britain-ad-king-arthurs-britain</a>
Secrets of Great British Castles	Episode 1: This episode visits southeast England's Dover Castle, built almost a millennium ago but used defensively as the Cold War	Netflix (Subscription required)	N/A
Warrior Women	Lucy Lawless hosts this five-episode documentary series about history's fiercest female fighters, from Joan of Arc to Apache Comnat tactician Lozen. (Episode 3 on Boudicca)	Amazon Prime (Subscription required)	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Boudica/dp/B07B9RVG9K/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&amp;keywords=history+documentaries&amp;qid=1584973260&amp;s=instant-video&amp;sr=1-6">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Boudica/dp/B07B9RVG9K/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&amp;keywords=history+documentaries&amp;qid=1584973260&amp;s=instant-video&amp;sr=1-6</a>

## Year 8 and 9

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England's Forgotten Queen: The Life and Death of Lady Jane Grey	In this first episode, Helen Castor reveals an incendiary document, written in Edward's spidery handwriting on his deathbed, which cuts his sister Mary out of the line of succession and leaves the throne to his cousin Jane. It forms the basis of a constitutional crisis that dragged the country to the edge of civil war.	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09lv17g/englands-forgotten-queen-the-life-and-death-of-lady-jane-grey-series-1-episode-1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09lv17g/englands-forgotten-queen-the-life-and-death-of-lady-jane-grey-series-1-episode-1</a>
Six Wives of Henry VIII	This is the story of Catherine of Aragon, a remarkable woman whose refusal to accept a divorce in defiance of Henry VIII's wishes changed the course of English history	4OD	<a href="https://www.channel4.com/programmes/six-wives-of-henry-viii">https://www.channel4.com/programmes/six-wives-of-henry-viii</a>
Gunpowder, Treason and Plot	This dramatic story of Britain's most notorious terrorist conspiracy delves into a shadowy world of subterfuge, spying and surveillance	4OD	<a href="https://www.channel4.com/programmes/gunpowder-treason-and-plot">https://www.channel4.com/programmes/gunpowder-treason-and-plot</a>
Who killed Malcolm X?	Episode 1: Activist Abdur-Rahman Muhammad begins his own investigation into the perplexing details surrounding in the assassination of civil rights leader Malcolm X.	Netflix (Subscription Required)	N/A
The English Civil War	A Nation Divided. It was time of great bitterness and hatred in England - a war that set father against son and brother against brother. The breakdown in relations between Parliament and King. This series tells the story of the war that shaped the course of a nation's history and laid the foundations of Britain as it is today.	Amazon Prime (Subscription Required)	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/To-Kill-A-King/dp/B081SCCGK1/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&amp;keywords=history+documentaries&amp;qid=1584973260&amp;s=instant-video&amp;sr=1-4">https://www.amazon.co.uk/To-Kill-A-King/dp/B081SCCGK1/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&amp;keywords=history+documentaries&amp;qid=1584973260&amp;s=instant-video&amp;sr=1-4</a>
Suffragettes with Lucy Worsley	In this film, Lucy is at the heart of the drama, alongside a group of less well known, but equally astonishing, young working-class suffragettes who decided to go against every rule and expectation that Edwardian society had about them.	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0b5y4zg/suffragettes-with-lucy-worsley">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0b5y4zg/suffragettes-with-lucy-worsley</a>
Six Wives with Lucy Worsley	Documentary series featuring dramatic reconstruction in which Lucy Worsley revisits key events in the lives of Henry VIII's six wives.	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0854cjm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0854cjm</a>
Elizabeth I Documentary	4 part series looking at the whole of Elizabeth's life as a princess and queen.	Youtube	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahOvTUkzwgq">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahOvTUkzwgq</a>

The Russian Revolution	Starting in 1881, this film describes how the personal battle between the royal Romanovs and Lenin's Ulyanov family led to the Russian Revolution	Netflix (Subscription Required)	N/A
Churchill's Secret Agents: The New Recruits	The SOE was a secret organization responsible for espionage and reconnaissance during wartime efforts. The organization would take everyday citizens from all backgrounds and walks of life and put them through rigorous training to extract the traits necessary for a secret agent.	Netflix (subscription required)	
Pain, Pus and Poison	Dr Michael Mosley tells the story of the creation of our most useful and valuable drugs	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p01f51s5/pain-pus-and-poison-the-search-for-modern-medicines">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p01f51s5/pain-pus-and-poison-the-search-for-modern-medicines</a>
Tony Robinson's Crime and Punishment	In a four-part series, Tony Robinson goes on a fascinating and sometimes bizarre journey to discover the origins of our laws and what we do to people when they break them. From trials by boiling water, through the decapitation of a king, to the emergence of our modern democracy, it is a journey that starts two thousand years ago and remains unfinished today.	Youtube	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWmnmHLnREY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWmnmHLnREY</a>

## Year 10 and 11

Title	Description	Source	Link
Captain Jack and the furious few	A hundred years ago, with German U-boats and battleships terrorising Allied shipping and zeppelins bombing Britain's towns and cities, Ulster-Scots teenager Jack McCleery was one of 12 young men tasked with a deadly mission on board the navy's 'mystery ship'. In Captain Jack and the Furious Few, David Hayman reveals the story of the test pilots of the world's first aircraft carrier, HMS Furious. The top guns of their day, their secret mission would revolutionise warfare.	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bqs96t/captain-jack-and-the-furious-few">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bqs96t/captain-jack-and-the-furious-few</a>
Lost Home Movies of Nazi Germany	Recently discovered home movie footage from 1936 offers a unique and novel insight into what people in Germany were thinking and experiencing	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000crdf/lost-home-movies-of-nazi-germany-series-1-episode-1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000crdf/lost-home-movies-of-nazi-germany-series-1-episode-1</a>
Three women who defied the Nazis	Three women who were part of a resistance against the Nazis in Berlin.	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p081hwqm/three-women-who-defied-the-nazis">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p081hwqm/three-women-who-defied-the-nazis</a>
Britain's Forgotten Army	This documentary reveals the story of the 140,000 Chinese workers who came to Europe in 1917 and risked their lives for the Allied war effort but whose vital contribution was painted out of history	4OD	<a href="https://www.channel4.com/programmes/britains-forgotten-army">https://www.channel4.com/programmes/britains-forgotten-army</a>
The Man Who Saw Too Much	The Man Who Saw Too Much tells the story of 106-year-old Boris Pahor, believed to be the oldest known survivor of the Nazi concentration camps. He was sent to Dachau, Dora, Harzungen, Bergen-Belsen and Natzweiler – one of the Nazis' least known but most deadly camps.	BBC	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000bqt9/the-man-who-saw-too-much">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000bqt9/the-man-who-saw-too-much</a>
Age of Tanks	In the midst of WWI, British Soldier Basil Henriques drives the first tank in history to fire upon the enemy, ushering in a new era: the age of tanks	Netflix (Subscription Required)	N/A
Hitler's Circle of Evil	War heroes, disaffected workers, a wealthy playwright and an enigmatic veteran named Adolf Hirler create a movement fueled by mythology and racism	Netflix (Subscription Required)	N/A
World War II in Colour	Episode 1: With the Great Depression sapping the will of Western democracies to intervene, Mussolini and Hitler are able to grab and expand their powers	Netflix (Subscription Required)	N/A

Women at War 1914-1918	Trace the overlapping journeys of exceptional women swept up in World War I and hear their tales of bravery on history's front lines.	Netflix (Subscription Required)	N/A
Women at War 1939-1945	Mothers, nurses, soldiers and deportees - these women fought against persecution for freedom and survival amid the turbulence of World War II.	Netflix (Subscription Required)	N/A
The Hitler Youth	Never has a generation been so completely taken over by a totalitarian state as was the case in Hitler's Third Reich. At the age of 10 children joined the Jungvolk movement. At 14 they joined the Hitler Youth	Amazon Prime (Subscription Required)	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/War/dp/B07CJWH6XK/ref=sr_1_64?dchild=1&amp;keywords=history+documentaries&amp;qid=1584973452&amp;s=instant-video&amp;sr=1-64">https://www.amazon.co.uk/War/dp/B07CJWH6XK/ref=sr_1_64?dchild=1&amp;keywords=history+documentaries&amp;qid=1584973452&amp;s=instant-video&amp;sr=1-64</a>
CNN Cold War Series	Cold War is a twenty-four episode television documentary series about the Cold War that aired in 1998.[1] It features interviews and footage of the events that shaped the tense relationships between the Soviet Union and the United States.	Youtube	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sH2kk4x5Dog">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sH2kk4x5Dog</a>
The Pianist	A Polish Jewish musician struggles to survive the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto of World War II	Netflix (subscription required)	
The Coldest Game	During 1962's Cuban missile crisis, a troubled math genius finds himself drafted to play in a U.S.-Soviet chess match -- and a deadly game of espionage.	Netflix (subscription required)	
The Death of Stalin	Moscow, 1953. After being in power for nearly 30 years, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin takes ill and quickly dies. Now the members of the Council of Ministers scramble for power.	Netflix (subscription required)	
Bridge of Spies	During the Cold War, an American lawyer is recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy in court, and then help the CIA facilitate an exchange of the spy for the Soviet captured American U2 spy plane pilot, Francis Gary Powers.	Amazon Prime (Subscription Required)	<a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bridge-Spies-Tom-Hanks/dp/B0195SR62W">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bridge-Spies-Tom-Hanks/dp/B0195SR62W</a>