

A-Level History – Wider Reading list

Most of the following books are available within the Department or can be found easily in your local library.

Follow your passion! If there is a part of history you want to know more about, read about it! Ask us for recommendations.

17th Century Britain:

- Monarchy Transformed by Mark Kishlansky
- Rebellion: The History of England from James I to the Glorious Revolution by Peter Akroyd
- A Companion to Stuart England by Barry Coward
- The Stuart Age by Barry Coward
- Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes
- Stuart Britain: A Very Short Introduction by John Morrill
- The Time Traveller's Guide to Restoration Britain by Ian Mortimer
- 1688: The First Modern Revolution by Steven Pincus
- Charles I: An introduction by Mark Kishlansky
- Cromwell: An introduction by David Horspool
- Charles II: An introduction by
- James II: An introduction by Roger Knight

Revolutionary Russia:

- Revolutionary Russia, 1891-1991 by Orlando Figes
- The Russian Revolution by Sheila Fitzpatrick
- Rethinking the Russian Revolution by Edward Acton
- A Very Short Introduction to the Russian Revolution by Steven Smith
- Mastering Twentieth-Century Russian History by Norman Lowe

19th and 20th Century America:

- The Penguin History of the USA by Hugh Brogan
- America: Empire of Liberty by David Reynolds
- Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Beloved by Toni Morrison
- The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Other topics and issues:

- The Cold War by John Lewis Gaddis
- Night by Elie Wiesel
- Time Travellers in the Third Reich by Julia Boyd
- Blood and Iron by Katja Hoyer
- Inglorious Empire by Shashi Tharoor
- SPQR by Mary Beard
- Black Tudors by Miranda Kaufmann
- The Time Travellers Guide to Medieval England by Ian Mortimer
- The Time Travellers Guide to Elizabethan England by Ian Mortimer
- Elizabeth I: An introduction by Helen Castor
- Never Had It So Good by Dominic Sandbrook
- State of Emergency by Dominic Sandbrook
- Seasons in the Sun by Dominic Sandbrook
- White Heat by Dominic Sandbrook
- On this Day in History by Dan Snow
- A Little History of the Word by E H Gombrich

Theory of History (For those interested in studying History at university, these books help explain more about the discipline of History)

- What is History? By E. H. Carr
- What is History Now? By David Cannadine
- In Defence of History by Richard Evans

Podcasts:

- The Rest is History
- Empire
- Dan Snow's History Hit
- History Extra Podcast
- Not Just the Tudors
- In Our Time

Films/Documentaries/TV Series

- 17th century Britain
 - To Kill a King
 - Cromwell

- British History's Biggest Fibs
- Revolutionary Russia
 - October: Ten Days That Shook the World
 - Doctor Zhivago
 - Death of Stalin
- 19th and 20th Century America
 - American History's Biggest Fibs
 - Harriet
 - Hidden Figures
 - In the Heat of the Night
 - Mississippi Burning
 - Malcolm X
 - Roots (either 1977 or 2017)
 - The Wire
 - The West Wing
 - The Butler
 - Selma
 - 12 Years a Slave

