

History

The Course

In *Requiem for a Nun*, William Faulkner famously wrote 'The past is never dead. It is not even past.' This notion that the past, our History, has not only helped to shape our world, but continues to influence and play a vital role in our everyday lives is what makes the study of History so fascinating and why so many students choose to study the subject at A Level. In A Level History, we take an in depth look at how the Tudor world developed and changed during this incredible dynasty, we analyse and examine the history and historical interpretations of the German Reformation, and gain an insight into Faulkner's world, as we study the struggle for Civil Rights in the USA and the evaluate American Foreign Policy as we see how USA emerged as a world superpower. It truly is a fascinating and intriguing course!

Tasks

Knowledge is power! This phrase truly applies to the study of History. As we study specific topic areas, it would be immensely beneficial to students to develop their knowledge of these topics. Therefore, reading books and magazines, watching TV programmes and films, and listening to podcasts and audiobooks would be prudent. These can be factual or works of fiction. Programmes such as the BBCs adaptation of Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall* are excellent in allowing students to gain an understanding of what life was like during Tudor Britain.

Topic Areas

- Tudor Britain, 1485 – 1603
- The German Reformation, c. 1500 – 1564
- The American Century, 1890 – 1990 (with a focus on Civil Rights and US Foreign Policy)

Pre-Course Material

Suggested Reading:

Tudor Britain, 1485 – 1603, R Lockyer

Access to History, Luther and the Reformation in Europe, 1500 – 1564, Hodder Education

Access to History, Civil Rights in the USA, 1865 – 1992, Hodder Education

Access to History, An Introduction to American History, 1860 – 1990

Films / Documentaries:

BBC *Wolf Hall* (2015)

Luther (2003)

Forest Gump (1994)

Netflix has lots of programmes relating to American and British History

Useful Websites/links

www.historytoday.com

www.history.com

<http://besthistorysites.net/> www.historyonthenet.co.uk

Netflix

BBC iPlayer