

## A Level History: Course overview

Exam board: OCR

Content of the course:

- Unit 1 - Y105 - 25% - Wars of the Roses: Yorkists, Lancastrians and Henry VII, 1445-1509.
- Unit 3 - Y319 - 40% - Civil Rights, 1865-1992 - Native Americans, Women, Trade Unions and Civil Rights.
- Unit 2 - Y218 - 15% - International Relations, 1885-1941 - Causes of WW1, peace-keeping in the Interwar Years, rise of Fascism, Imperial Japan
- Unit 4 - Y100 - 20% - Coursework: Women's suffrage/ Russian Revolution/ Rise of Fascism/ Wars of the Roses/ International Relations - 4000 word essay.

Skills:

- Unit 1: Analysis of 4 source, knowledge essay
- Unit 2: 2 essays based on knowledge
- Unit 3: Analysis of 2 interpretations, 2 essays looking at continuity and change across the time period
- Unit 4: 4000 word essay combining knowledge, sources and interpretations.

Specification:	Wars of the Roses exam:	International Relations exam:	Civil Rights exam:	Department website:
				

Possible background reading/watching before the course:

*Wars of the Roses:*

- "The King" (Netflix) - A film about Henry V, father of Henry VI and his successes fighting against France.
- "Henry VI: Terrible King" (BBC History Extra podcast on spotify, website, Apple podcasts) - an overview of the life and reign of Henry VI.
- "Wars of the Roses: Stormbird", by Conn Iggulden (book) - fictional version of the start of the Wars of the Roses, giving a good overview of the first part of the course.
- "Britain's Bloody Crown: Episode 1" (Youtube, Channel 5) - Documentary about the outbreak of the Wars of the Roses.

*Civil Rights:*

- "12 Years a Slave" (Netflix) - A film about slavery in the USA (quite brutal).
- "Little Women" (Netflix) - A film set at the beginning of our course giving an idea of what life was like for women.
- "The Help", Kathryn Stockett (book and film) - A book and film about an African American woman in the 1950s showing racism and the Civil Rights Movement.
- "You're Dead to Me: Harriet Tubman" (BBC sounds podcast) - A comedy podcast looking at the life of Harriet Tubman who escaped slavery and then helped hundreds of others to as well.

*In general:*

- Look at the website for more articles, books and films as well as lesson presentations and overviews.
- Find out more about a period of History you are interested in through fiction, articles, books and podcasts.
- Visit a historical location - locally includes Rochester castle, Upnor Castle, Fort Amherst, Royal Engineers Gillingham, Chatham Dockyard, Imperial War Museum London, National Maritime museum Greenwich.

*Summer holiday task:*

Choose a key figure from one of the courses (Henry VI, Margaret of Anjou, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X etc) and research to find out more about their life and work. Create a presentation/detailed fact file to show your research. Try to include sources and interpretations if you can.