

Introduction to A-level History

Starter: What should a medieval king be like? Make a list of as many qualities and skills that you can think of.

How many US states can you name?

Look at the timeline on the wall - how many items do you have any prior knowledge about?

How is A-Level History structured?

Unit 1 - Y105 - 25% - Wars of the Roses: Yorkists, Lancastrians and Henry VII, 1445-1509.

Unit 2 - Y218 - 15% - International Relations, 1885-1941 - Causes of WW1, peace-keeping in the Interwar Years, Rise of Fascism, Imperial Japan

Unit 3 - Y319 - 40% - Thematic Study: Civil Rights, 1865-1992 - Native Americans, Women, Trade Unions and Civil Rights.

Unit 4 - Y100 - 20% - Coursework: Women's suffrage/ Russian Revolution/ Rise of Fascism/ Wars of the Roses/ International Relations - 4000 word essay.

What skills will you need in A-Level History?

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.

What does A Level History involve?

- Variety of tasks in lessons - reading, discussions, tables, timelines, videos and more.
- Reading sources and interpretations.
- Extended writing - every fortnight - essays and practice answers.
- Regular homework - reading, research and writing.
- Extending your knowledge - reading articles, books, watching documentaries and films.
- Coursework - independent research (internet, books, sources, interpretations) to write a 4000 word essay.

Where can History take you?

Anywhere!

Transferable skills - reading and drawing out key details, identifying fact and fiction, writing to give judgements and opinions, justifying opinions. Also you learn about people, cultures and societies.

Common careers - lawyer, journalism, civil servant, marketing, heritage (museums, historical locations etc.), police and many more!

WEBSITE!!

https://sites.google.com/u/0/d/1lj2SNlfz3xRabrD-igNaJoKG6xsNP3z3/edit?usp=sites_home&ths=true

What was the Wars of the Roses?

A cousin's war

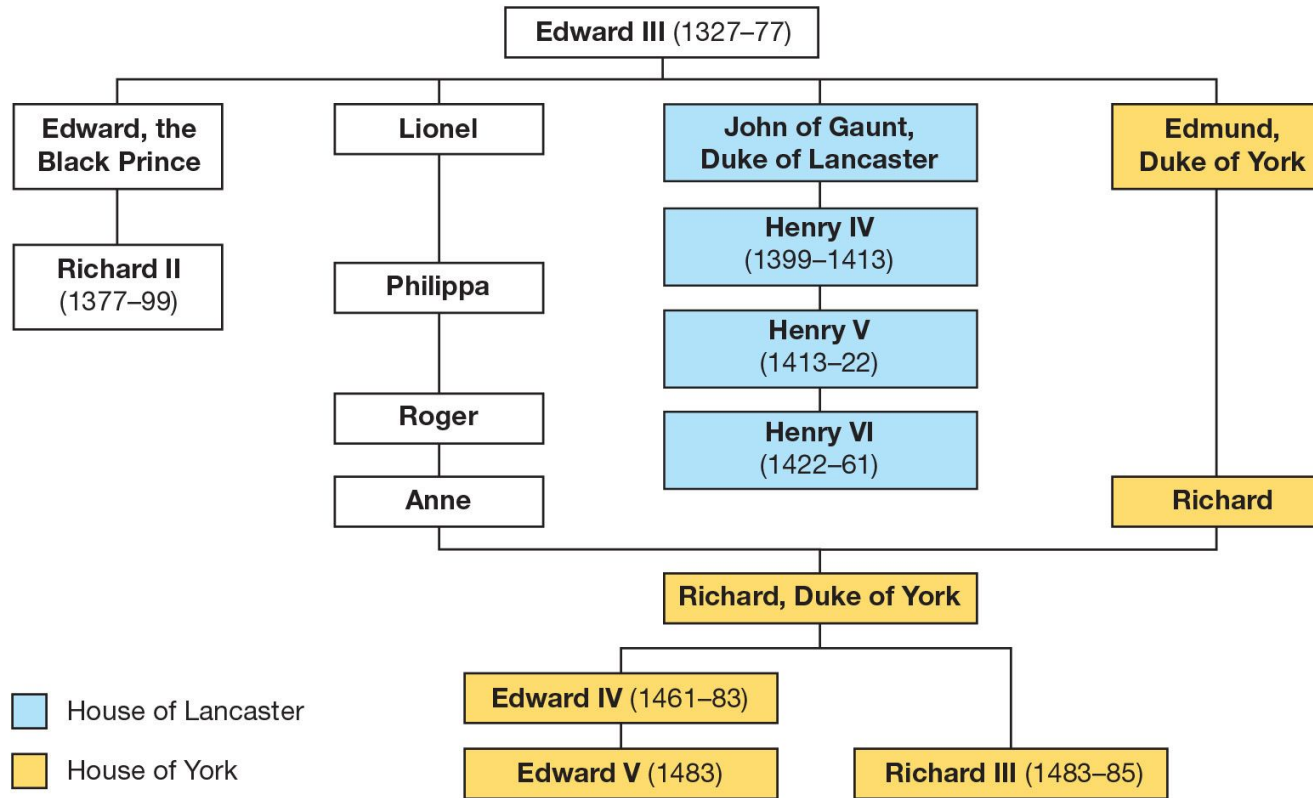
A war of the nobility

Breakdown of power

A civil war

A power struggle for the throne

The Houses of Lancaster and York*



*Dates indicate years of reign

Family tree

Have a go at drawing your own family tree.

Start with you at the bottom.

Geography of the USA



- 1) How many states are there in the USA?
- 2) Which country is Alaska attached to?
- 3) How many Englands fit into the USA? (Guess!)

What do you know about different states in the USA?



1) How many states are there in the USA?

50

1) Which country is Alaska attached to?

Canada

1) How many Englands fit into the USA?

75.5

What did the USA look like in 1861?



Non-British period study

International Relations 1890-1941

- ☐ Causes and nature of the First World War
- ☐ The Paris Peace Conference, The League of Nations, and international diplomacy 1919-1935
- ☐ Dictators and Appeaser in Europe 1929-1941
- ☐ The Far East 1918-1941

The big picture

This course is all about the different ideologies between growing powers in the 20th century

What does ideology mean?

a system of ideas and ideals, especially one which forms the basis of economic or political theory and policy - eg democracy

These ideologies led to new and fracturing international relations.

The Big Picture

1. What dates were WW1?
2. What dates were WW2?
3. Can you draw an accurate political spectrum? Map in: Liberal, Conservative, Labour, Fascism, Communism

What is coursework?

Unit 4 - Y100 - 20% - Coursework: Wars of the Roses/ International Relations - 4000 word essay.

Assess the causes of WW1

Assess the reasons that Henry VI lost the throne in 1461

Coursework must include: focus on the question, own knowledge, 10-12 sources, 10-12 interpretations that are supported with specific own knowledge. Judgement throughout.

Task: What is the difference between a source and interpretation?

How can I find out about the content that I am studying?

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/history-a-h105-h505-from-2015/>

Read through the specification. (PDF pages 111 onwards) What do you already know about? Highlight any content that you are familiar with.

Make an action plan: What can you start to do in your study periods/ summer holidays/ time at home to start filling these gaps?

What were the Wars of the Roses?

The civil struggle between the royal house of Lancaster, whose emblem was a red rose, and the royal house of York, whose emblem was a white rose, beginning in 1455 and ending with the accession of Henry VII in 1485 and the union of the two houses.



Lancaster Rose



York Rose



Tudor Rose