

## GCSE History -> A-Level History: Bridging activities

### April, 2020

The activities listed beneath are designed for completion in the Summer Term and are designed to prepare you for the HHS A-Level History course. Additional 'Summer Work' will be sent out in due course. You may of course undertake extension work (extra reading around the subjects would be ideal) and please contact teachers for guidance if needed. We are happy to help you.

The History Department has purchased an annual subscription to allow access to all digital resources from the Historical Association. This site will be an invaluable resource for you. When requested, use:

**Website:** [16-18 / Student](#)

**Username:** email your teacher for this

**Password:** email your teacher for this

You will be following the **AQA** History A-Level course

1C: The Tudors: England, 1485–1603: [History | Subject content | 1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603](#)

2O: Democracy & Nazism, 1918-1945: [History | Subject content | 2O Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918–1945](#)

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<b>Bridging activities to support 'The Tudors'</b>				
Topic	Link	Activity (compulsory for all prospective A-Level students)	Details	Completed?
The Tudors	<a href="#">Tudor History - Online Course</a>	<p><i>On this FREE online course you will compare the rule of the Tudor monarchs and examine the significant political, religious and cultural changes of the period. You will be taught by renowned scholars on Tudor England from the University of Roehampton who will reveal how this era has shaped modern-day British politics.</i> Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Overview of British history from 1485 and 1603</li> <li>* Introduction to the Tudor monarchy</li> <li>* Overview of political dynasties in Tudor England</li> <li>* Explore aspects of social history from 1485 and 1603</li> <li>* Introduction to the legacy of the Tudor dynasty</li> </ul>	<p>Start after Easter.</p> <p>Use the link &amp; register.</p> <p>6 weeks long (access for 8 weeks if needed)</p> <p>Spend 5 hours a week.</p> <p>Take notes, download resources, engage in the discussions.</p>	

		Explore the HA Tudors Subject Guide Work your way through the podcasts and articles - this is a very useful site with contributions from key Tudor historians. <a href="#">A-level Topic Guide: The Tudors</a>	Take notes, download resources.	
		Watch some of the documentaries from the list beneath		
		Listen to some of the podcasts from the list beneath		
		Suggested reading: John Guy, <a href="#">Tudor England</a> and John Lotherington, <a href="#">The Tudor Years</a>		

## **Tudors: Supplementary reading, viewing, listening**

Britain's Bloody Crown Episodes 1-4 Dan Jones

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SB\\_OThWd-eA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SB_OThWd-eA)

Henry VII The Winter King Thomas Penn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBpSRQ6wVPU>

Henry VIII: The Most Iconic King of English History

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wR0ARGxRTAQ>

Mary I - Bloody Mary David Starkey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eaMix9x4HE>

Elizabeth I (Episodes 1-4) David Starkey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjLiha0l8cY&list=PL9E82BFDC407F14A0>

Bloody Queens

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3F8iq7aT4Y>

In Our Time Sixteenth Century

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01hcv9w>

Particularly William Cecil, Mary Queen of Scots, Calvinism, The Book of Common Prayer, Holbein at the Tudor Court, Foxe's Book of Martyrs, St Bartholomew's Massacre, The Spanish Armada, The Dissolution of the Monasteries, The Death of Elizabeth I, The Diet of Worms, The Field of the Cloth of Gold, The Tudor State and Witchcraft

## Bridging activities to support 'Democracy & Nazism, 1918-1945'

Topic	Link	Activity (compulsory for all prospective A-Level students)	Details	Completed?
Germany	<a href="#">Propaganda and Ideology in Everyday Life - Online Course</a>	<p><i>This FREE online course explores the building blocks of our political views: freedom, community, place, justice and choice. These words mean different things to different people – such radically different things in fact, that individuals, protest movements and entire states often go to war to assert their understanding of, say, freedom over somebody else's.</i></p> <p><i>Over five weeks, you will explore how and why words come to mean such different things, across time and space. We will look at how we come to be political, and how political ideology and propaganda pick up on the words, images and symbols we use to express our own convictions and sentiments.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Political ideology and its communication through propaganda</i></li> <li>● <i>Key political concepts – freedom, justice, community, territory, and consumption</i></li> <li>● <i>The articulation of political ideas through images, texts and objects</i></li> <li>● <i>Interdisciplinary perspectives on ideology from politics, history, sociology, classics, psychology, and media studies</i></li> <li>● <i>The relationship between such everyday activities as consumption, cooking, and living in urban spaces with political beliefs</i></li> </ul>	<p>Start after Easter</p> <p>Use the link and register.</p> <p>5 weeks long.</p> <p>Spend 4 hours a week</p> <p>Watch the videos, take notes if you wish, download resources, engage in the discussions if you wish.</p>	
		<p>Explore the HA Germany Subject Guide: <a href="#">A-Level Topic Guide: Germany 1871-1991</a></p> <p>The podcasts below are from this HA Guide and there are also articles by renowned historians and links to additional resources.</p>	Take notes, download resources.	
		Watch documentaries/films from the list beneath		
		Listen to a selection of HA podcasts from the list beneath		
		Read a novel - email Dr Taylor or Mr Tkaczuk for recommendations.		

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## **Germany: Supplementary reading, viewing, listening**

### ***The Weimar Republic: Germany's First Democracy***

Sir Richard Evans asks why did the Weimar Republic fail to make Germany democratic and what lessons can be learned for the future?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xwl6o2npqOY>

### ***Weimar Germany podcasts (University of Leeds; 12 episodes)***

[Weimar Germany on Apple Podcasts](#)

***Germany: Memories of a Nation. BBC podcasts*** Neil MacGregor, director of the British Museum, explores 600 years of Germany's complex and often challenging history using objects, art, landmarks and literature.

[Germany: Memories of a Nation - Downloads](#)

***What were the strengths and weaknesses of the Weimar Republic? 20th Century German History. HA Podcast by Professor Benjamin Ziemann***

[What were the strengths and weaknesses of the Weimar Republic?](#)

***How stable was the Weimar Republic between 1924-29? HA podcast by Professor Benjamin Ziemann***

[How stable was the Weimar Republic between 1924-29?](#)

### ***Adolf Hitler's rise to power***

Andrew Marr tells the story of Hitler's rise to power in Weimar Germany from 1919 to 1933. He explores Hitler's years in the wilderness after the First World War, the Munich Putsch and the reason for his electoral success in 1933.

[Andrew Marr's History of the World, Learning Zone, Adolf Hitler's rise to power](#)

***How was the Nazi Party formed? HA podcast by Professor Benjamin Ziemann***

[How was the Nazi Party formed?](#)

***What was Nazi ideology? HA podcast by Professor Benjamin Ziemann***

[What was Nazi ideology?](#)

***What was Hitler's role? HA podcast by Dr Christina von Hodenberg***

[What was Hitler's role?](#)

***Nazi creation of a Volksgemeinschaft HA podcast by Professor Jill Stephenson***

[Nazi creation of a Volksgemeinschaft](#)

***From persecution to extermination: Hitler's central role in the Holocaust HA podcast by Sir Ian Kershaw***

<https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/module/4373/podcast-series-german-history-1918-1948/4379/from-persecution-to-extermination>

***How popular was the Nazi regime? A consensual dictatorship? HA podcast by Sir Ian Kershaw***

<https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/module/4373/podcast-series-german-history-1918-1948/4380/how-popular-was-the-nazi-regime>

***Heil Hitler! : Confessions Of A Hitler Youth (HBO Movie)***

In this in-depth interview, Alfons Heck recalls how he became a high-ranking member of the Hitler Youth. He talks about the importance of peer pressure and propaganda to Hitler's ability to recruit eight million German children to participate in the "war effort," some as young as twelve participating in murder. The interview is supplemented by archival footage.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJ6umV7CVY8&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJ6umV7CVY8&feature=emb_logo)

*Intrigue* is a series of podcasts about Germany and includes the series' the Ratline, where International Lawyer tracks the story of an escaping Nazi, and Tunnel 29, the tense story of an escape attempt under the Berlin Wall.

*As Others See Us: Germany* is about how modern Germans view Britain today, but refers back to the past that has shaped that view.

*The White Ribbon* is a mystery film set in a German village in the years before the First World War

*Babylon Berlin* is the largest ever German TV drama. It is a crime noir set in Weimar Germany and gives an excellent sense of the impact of World War One and the turbulent Weimar years in the German capital. Currently all series are on Netflix and Series 1 is on Sky.

*The Tin Drum* is a film of the classic novel by Günther Grass (but read the book too). A young boy refuses to grow up and provides an eye-witness to the rise of the Nazis and their rule.

*Downfall* tells the story of Hitler's last days in his bunker as the Soviets took over Berlin.

*The Wonder from Bern* is a film set at the time of the World Cup in 1954. A man recently released from a Soviet camp struggles to reconnect with the family he left behind when he went to war in the 1940s.

*The Last Days of Sophie Scholl* a film that uses the testimony of one of the leaders of the students White Rose Movement executed for opposition to Hitler's rule.

*All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Remarque – a fiction book of the German experience of the trenches in World War One.

*Alone in Berlin* by Hans Fallada – a book about two people who try to resist the Nazis.

***Defiance*** is the story of the Bielski family and their life during WWII (this is available on Netflix)

***WWII in colour*** a useful guide to the Second World War, in particular episodes 2,4,7,8 and 12 (this is available on Netflix)