

# Transition Materials for A Level History The Tudors: England, 1485 - 1603



## Introduction

It is great that you are considering studying History at A Level.

This pack contains a programme of activities and resources to prepare you to start an A Level in History in September. It is aimed to be used after you complete your GCSE throughout the remainder of the summer term and over the summer holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September.

Discovering the past is great fun. I hope that you will agree!

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## 1. Reading List

Essential A Level History Textbooks	<p><b>You must buy one of the following books and show it to your teacher on the first lesson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AQA A-level History: The Tudors: England 1485-1603 (AQA A Level History)</li> <li>• Oxford AQA History for A Level: The Tudors: England 1485-1603</li> </ul>
Essential A Level Revision Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My Revision Notes: AQA AS/A-level History: The Tudors: England, 1485-1603</li> <li>• Oxford AQA History for A Level: The Tudors: England 1485-1603 Revision Guide</li> </ul>
Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The White Queen</i>, Philippa Gregory</li> <li>• <i>The Red Queen</i>, Philippa Gregory</li> <li>• <i>The Kingmaker's Daughter</i>, Philippa Gregory</li> <li>• <i>The Sunne in Splendour</i>, Sharon Kay Penman</li> <li>• <i>Richard III</i>, William Shakespeare</li> </ul>
Non-Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Plantagenets</i>, Dan Jones (2013)</li> <li>• <i>The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses and the Rise of the Tudors</i>, Dan Jones (2015)</li> <li>• <i>The Wars of the Roses</i>, Michael Hicks (2012)</li> <li>• <i>The Family of Richard III</i>, Michael Hicks (2015)</li> <li>• <i>Winter King: The Dawn of Tudor England</i>, Thomas Penn (2012)</li> </ul>
Film Resources	<p>The White Queen  The Hollow Crown  Richard III (1995)  The Other Boleyn Girl (2003)  Wolf Hall (2015)</p>

## 2. Required Knowledge

- 1) Research the Wars of the Roses and create fact file with as much detail as possible.
  - a. Must include:
    - i. A timeline of events
    - ii. What was it, When, Where, who was involved? Why, Consequences & impact on people, peasants, nobles, England.
    - iii. Feel free to add extra information that you find interesting.
    - iv. This must be at least 2 pages in length.
- 2) Create an A4 information sheet, with facts and images, of the following British monarchs: Edward IV, Richard III and Henry VII.
  - a. Must include:
    - i. Background, upbringing, family life, marriages, children
    - ii. How did they become king?
    - iii. Three key events from their reign
    - iv. Two historians views on the Kings-what do historians have to say about them?
- 3) What was the role of a medieval king? How does this differ when compared with the role of the British monarch today?
- 4) Draw a family tree of the Tudors. Add images.
- 5) What is a Usurper? What was Henry VII's claim to the throne?
- 6) Research the Princes in the Tower. What do you think happened to them? What motive would Richard III have had for murdering the boys?
- 7) Outline the key events of the Battle of Bosworth.
  - a. What happened? Where? When?
  - b. Who was involved?
  - c. Who won? Why?
  - d. Explain the most important reason Henry won and became king of England
- 8) Why was Elizabeth of York's marriage to Henry Tudor important?

**Use one of the essential textbooks (listed above) to help you with this task**

Suggested websites:

- <http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/medieval-england/>
- <http://www.warsoftheroses.com/>
- <http://www.britannica.com/event/Wars-of-the-Roses>
- [http://www.richardiii.net/9\\_1\\_wotr.php](http://www.richardiii.net/9_1_wotr.php)
- <http://www.historyextra.com/article/military-history/12-facts-wars-roses>
- <http://shakespeare.mit.edu/richardiii/full.html>
- <http://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/richardiii/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZH7CKzhCyyA>
- <http://tudorhistory.org/monarchs/>
- <http://www.royal.gov.uk/HistoryoftheMonarchy/KingsandQueensofEngland/TheTudors/TheTudors.aspx>
- <http://www.historyonthenet.com/tudors/monarchs.htm>
- <http://tudorhistory.org/>
- <http://tudortimes.co.uk/>

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### 3. The World is Out There .....

- Visit a Tudor building in your local area. Some examples include
  - a. Hampton Court, Thornbury Castle, Penshurst Place, Montacute House, The Vyne, Hever Castle, Little Moreton Hall, Eltham Palace.
- Visit the Tower of London and spend time in the White Tower.
- Visit the Tudor galleries in the National Portrait Museum.
  - a. Research 5 individuals who caught your attention!
- Read Shakespeare's plays Richard III and Henry VIII. Even better if you can see an adaptation on stage.
- Visit The Globe Theatre, London.
- Watch the TV series The White Queen.
- Watch the TV series Hollow Crown.
- Visit a local museum to learn what life was like in your area during the reign of Tudor monarchs.