

## History A Level – Rebellion and Revolution

### Preparation work: Pre-course Reading, Research and Tasks

Pre-reading and research will help you to become more familiar with the topics you are going to study on your A Level History course. If you complete the tasks below they will also help you to become more confident when you start your course. Remember it is also a good idea to make sure you recap and consolidate your GCSE History knowledge as well.

### Specification :

Over the two years of studying History; Rebellion and Revolution, you will cover:

Unit 1 – Britain 1930-1997

Unit 2 – The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon 1774–1815

Unit 3 – Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1992

Coursework – a 3,000-4,000 word essay on one of the following subject areas: The Crusades, The Tudors, Background to Civil Rights in the USA or The Cold War.

Further information on the specification can be found here:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/170128-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-history-a-h505.pdf>

### Task 1:

#### Case Studies:

Produce a 1 side (A4) summary of at least two of the following topics that you will be studying as part of your course:

#### **How Churchill became Prime Minister in 1940**

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/dec/22/six-minutes-in-may-how-churchill-unexpectedly-became-pm-nicholas-shakespeare-review>

**The execution of Louis XVI in 1793** <http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/louis.htm>

**The assassination of Malcolm X** <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/malcolm-x-assassinated>

**The break with Rome under Henry VIII** <https://www.rmg.co.uk/discover/explore/royal-history/why-did-henry-viii-break-with-rome>

### Task 2:

Read or listen to something from the lists below and create a short quiz on the subject covered by your article, book or podcast.

## Websites for Further Research and Reading:

### Articles

<https://www.historytoday.com>

(available on **History Today**: log in with username godalming and password history)

**Churchill: Cometh the Finest Hour** (on Churchill's rise to power in 1940) by Taylor Downing

**The Rise and Fall of the Big Three** by Paul Dukes

**Napoleon's Rise to Power** by Michael Rapport

**Reading History: The French Revolution** by Douglas Johnson

**Civil Rights during the Cold War** by Adam Fairclough

**Selma and Civil Rights** by Mark Rathbone, Published in History Review Issue 60 March 2008

### Books to Read:

- **OCR A Level History Britain 1930 – 1997** (official course textbook) by Mike Wells and Nicholas Fellows
- **The Gathering Storm, 2005 edition** by Winston Churchill
- **France in Revolution, 1774-1815** (Access to History) by Dylan Rees
- **The Oxford History of the French Revolution** by William Doyle
- **Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992, 2016** (OCR textbook for this course) by David Paterson et al
- **Autobiography of Malcolm X** by Malcolm X
- **Black Civil Rights in America (2000)** (Introductions to History series) by Kevern Verney
- **Black Leadership in America: From Booker T. Washington to Jesse Jackson (1990)** by J. White

### Podcasts:

**In our time - Marie Antoinette** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p088x94g>

**In our time – Napoleon's march on Moscow** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0008jd2>

**In our time – Frederic Douglas** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09qb0kc>

**In our time – Napoleon and Wellington** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00547jy>

### Task 3:

Watch one of the films below and write a short film review (no more than one side of A4)

### Films to Watch:

- **The Darkest Hour** – Netflix and Amazon Prime
- **Dunkirk** - Netflix and Amazon Prime
- **Marie Antoinette** – Netflix and Amazon Prime
- **13th** - Netflix
- **12 Years a slave** - Netflix
- **Lincoln** – Amazon Prime



## Progression Opportunities

**Why choose History A Level – Rebellion and Revolution:**

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/courses/history/seven-reasons-to-study-history>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/history>

*We hope you enjoy completing these tasks and look forward to you joining the course.*

