

Independent Study Tasks Key Stage 3 History

- Produce a profile of a key historical figure or personality that you are studying at the moment.
- Use your class notes to build a timeline of key events and people. This will help you with sequencing and chronology. You can add to the timeline as you go through the year and as you do your background reading.
- Create a mind-map to organise your ideas about the topic that you are studying. You can use colour and illustrations to help you to learn and remember your facts, make links between events and make judgments about relative importance. The important thing is that you can remember the information so be creative!
- Create a self-test about a topic which you can re-visit regularly as part of ongoing revision.
- Do some reading and listen to relevant podcasts about History (see attached sheet for suggestions).

Podcasts

Listen to a podcast – you can choose a topic you are doing in school or you can listen to something totally different. These are some of our favourite podcasts.



History Books/Historical fiction

A really good way to get an understanding of a time period is to read. Here are a choice of history books and historical novels that we have really enjoyed, but come and ask your teacher if you would like some more recommendations.

Year 7

- Kevin Crossley-Holland; Arthur: The Seeing Stone
- Henrietta Branfield Fire, Bed and Bone

- Peter Frankopan, *The Silk Roads: The Extraordinary History that created your World*
- John Hatcher *The Black Death, the intimate story of a village in crisis,*
- Paul Dowsell, *The Great Revolt,*

Year 8

- Miranda Kaufmann, *Black Tudors: The Untold Story,*
- Kevin Sands; *Mark of the Plague* by Kevin Sands
- Berlie Doherty *Children of Winter*
- Emma Griffin, *Liberty's Dawn: A people's history of the Industrial Revolution*

Year 9

- Colston Whitehead, *The Underground Railroad* - 2018
- Andrea Stuart, *Sugar in the Blood: A family's story of slavery and empire*
- Catherine Clinton, *Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom*
- *David Olusoga, Black and British, a short, essential history.*
- Fern Riddell, *Death in Ten Minutes: Kitty Marion: Activist, Arsonist, Suffragette*
- Diane Atkinson, *Rise Up Women!: The Remarkable Lives of the Suffragettes*
- Michal Morpurgo, *Medal for Leroy.*
- *Michael Morpurgo War Horse*

Bali Rai, *Voices: Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story*

Robert Westall *The Machine Gunners*

Paul Dowsell *Wolf Children*

Anthony Doerr, *All the Light we Cannot See*

Anne Holm, *I am David*

Morris Gleitzman Once series (*Once, Then, Now, After, Maybe, Soon, Always*)

- Anna Funder, *Stasiland: True Stories from Behind the Berlin Wall* – 2003

Raymond Briggs, *When the Wind Blows*

Dr Seuss, *The Butter Battle Book*

Victoria Jamieson, When Stars are Scattered

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