

ST CHRISTOPHER'S SIXTH FORM

HISTORY

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History isn't a subject that's stuck in the past. Far from it. Historical events have shaped society into what it is today.

History helps you to understand the value and significance of world events in the past. In the process you'll gain a deeper understanding of social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity. Knowing how people lived in the past helps us to understand why people act as they do today.

The aim of A-level History is to study the past from both a contemporary and modern historiographical perspective. You will therefore need to familiarise yourself with our A Level units, which are as follows:

- **Unit 1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603** (worth 40% of your A-level)
- **Unit 2R The Cold War, c1945–1991** (worth 40% of your A-level)
- **Historical Investigation: Industrialisation of Russia 1855-1941** (worth 20% of your A-level)

In order to prepare yourself for the beginning of the course it is advisable to familiarise yourself with the specification, found [here](#), and both [Tudor England](#) and the [Cold War](#) periods. You will be provided with a full reading list in September, but either of the following texts greatly assist the study of this course:

- My Revision Notes: AQA AS/A-level History: The Cold War, c1945-1991, ISBN: **9781471876318**
- My Revision Notes: AQA AS/A-level History: The Tudors: England, 1485-1603, ISBN: **9781471876103**

Our exam board – AQA – recommends the following study books to accompany the course:

- **EITHER** AS/A-level History for AQA: The Tudors: England, 1485–1603 (CUP) ISBN: **9781316504321**
- **OR** Oxford A-level History for AQA: The Tudors: England 1485-1603 (OUP) ISBN: **9780198354604**
- **AND** Oxford A-level History for AQA: The Cold War c1945-1991 (OUP) ISBN: **9780198354611**

Further details from AQA can be found here:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/a-level/history-7042/specification/specification-at-a-glance>

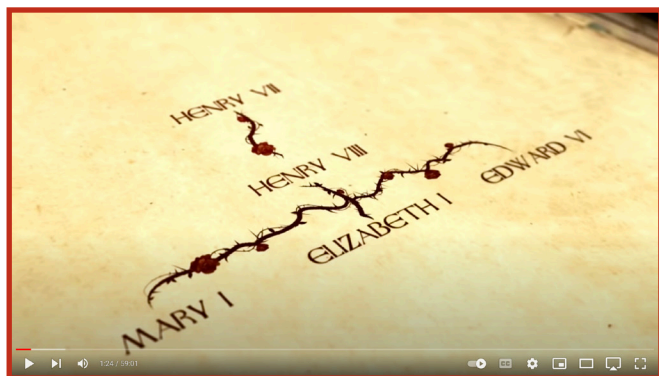


Preparation Tasks

At least one, preferably both (1 side of A4 minimum):

- What threats (both internal and external) were faced by Henry VII on gaining the throne in 1485?
- What conflicting ideologies (and therefore tensions) were present at the Yalta Conference in 1945?

Try the following links for further study



Henry VII: The Winter King
<https://youtu.be/aBpSRQ6wVPU>

The Winter King by Thomas Penn



Monarchy
<https://youtu.be/ph7PhP4Qr-M?list=PLd8OQ6-KwPrZ5QX8C7NxJdtzxmVM0VVpW>

Monarchy by David Starkey



The Cold War
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3H6z037pboGWTxs3xGP7HRGrQ5dOQdGc>

The Cold War – BBC/CNN Documentary Playlist.

Contact us

If you have any questions please feel free to email the Head of History & Classical Civilisation at j.waller@st-christophers.org



**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.”**

Jeremiah 29:11

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