

# A-Level History

## Transition work 2021-22



### Section 1: The Tudors

Task 1: Key terminology

Task 2: What was England like in 1485

Task 3: How do Historians interpret the reign of Henry VII?

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### Section 2: The American Civil War

Task 1: Key terminology

Task 2: 19<sup>th</sup> Century America

Task 3: 12 Years a Slave - Film

Task 4: Battle Cry of Freedom, James McPherson - Article

Task 5: Civil War, Ken Burns - Documentary

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Welcome to History A-Level, you have made an outstanding choice.

History is a very popular subject and we absolutely love teaching it. Our students work hard and find great success at A-Level, with many continuing their study at University.

This transition work is made up of the two sections of your course: The Tudors and the American Civil War. Each section will have an introduction from the three teachers involved in the topic as well as the work to be completed.

If at any point you have any questions, then do not be afraid to email.

Good luck with your work and I look forward to seeing you in September

**Mr Comben**

**Head of History & Politics**

## Section 1: The Tudors



### Key Information:

- History is a challenging and rigorous A Level that is respected by employers and universities alike. Our students do well in the subject with many deciding to study it further at degree level.
- This transition work is designed to introduce you to the Tudor period and the reign of Henry VII, the first Tudor. If done well it will give you an excellent start.
- The course will cover the entire Tudor dynasty from 1485-1603. In year 12 you will study Henry VII and Henry VIII. Then in year 13 you will cover Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I. This topic is the breadth study so you will be expected to analyse and evaluate change and continuity over large periods of the Tudors.
- Complete each activity to an excellent standard and contact either Mr Comben, Mr Strong or Miss Marsden if you have any questions.
- Your A-Level History 'journey' starts here – Remember, you are in control of whether you are successful or not – Good luck!

## **Transition Tasks**

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Wider reading

Please bring all tasks to your first lesson.

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### **Task 1: Key terminology**

Find definitions to the following key terms either in the reading for task 2 or on the internet (remember that we need Tudor related definitions):

- Divine Right of Kings
- Arable Farming
- Enclosure (of land)
- Customs Duties
- Primogeniture
- Clergy
- Nobility
- Gentry
- Laity/Laymen
- Patronage
- Secular
- The Pope/Papacy
- Evangelicalism
- Usurper

### **Task 2: England in 1485**

Use pages 1-10

Your aim is to get an idea of what England was like economically, socially and religiously in 1485.

Get a good overview of England at that time and the structure of society and areas of change.

We will be doing a knowledge test on this information in your first two weeks of year 12. Focus on the overall way of life as well as key words, statistics, titles of people etc.

### **Task 3: Interpretations of Henry VII**

Read the article – *Henry VII: Survivor and stabiliser* by Steven Gunn

Complete the questions below to be handed in - all of the answers can be taken from, and supported by, this article. (Please do not write more than 1-2 pages on these answers)

- Summarise Steven Gunn's opinion of Henry VII (Focus on three key elements of his argument)
- What are the three biggest changes Henry VII made to England?
- What possible threats or problems did Henry VII face?
- How did Henry VII secure the Tudor dynasty?
- In your opinion what is Henry VII greatest success?

Finally revise the key people and events mentioned here as part of the knowledge test for task 2.

### **Wider reading**

AQA A-Level History: The Tudors: England 1485-1603, David Ferriby

This is the textbook you will need to buy when we start in September. You may wish to get it now, but you will not need to do so yet.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-level-History-England-1485-1603/dp/1471837580/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?dchild=1&keywords=tudors+aq&qid=1589275030&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-level-History-England-1485-1603/dp/1471837580/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=tudors+aq&qid=1589275030&sr=8-2)

The Tudors – A very Short introduction, John Guy

These books are fantastic as an introduction to pretty much any topic or subject.

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=-TsSAAAQBAJ&dq=tudors+a+short+introduction>

### **Tudor Articles**

If you wish for other articles on the Tudors, then please email us and we can provide some.