

## History at Rodillian 'Bridging Work' for A-Level

The Basics:

*What do we study at Rodillian for A-Level?*

You will learn three topics on lessons:

### 1. The Early Tudors 1485-1558



### 2. Russia 1894-1941



### 3. Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992



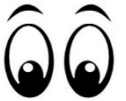
You then also have a coursework project where you can choose (almost) any question or topic you want!

*What exam board do we follow?*

The Exam Board is OCR. For more information on specifications and what the papers look like follow this link: [AS and A Level – History A – H105, H505 – OCR](#)

**OCR**  
Oxford Cambridge and RSA

## Things to watch that could help give you some context....



A few things you may want to watch to introduce you to the topics. Pick and choose whichever you want to work through.

### Early Tudors

#### **Some good documentaries**

- Six Wives with Lucy Worsley (BBC): [BBC iPlayer - Six Wives with Lucy Worsley](#)
- England's Forgotten Queen: The Life and Death of Lady Jane Grey (Youtube/BBC):
  - o [England's Forgotten Queen The Life and Death of Lady Jane Grey Episode 1 \(youtube.com\)](#)
  - o [England's Forgotten Queen The Life and Death of Lady Jane Grey Episode 2 \(youtube.com\)](#)
  - o [England's Forgotten Queen: The Life and Death of Lady Jane Grey - Episode 3 \(BBC\) \(youtube.com\)](#)

#### **And some TV and films to watch**

- The Tudors (Channel 4)- Although warning, it is a 15 and can get a bit fruity at points... [Watch The Tudors | Stream free on Channel 4](#)
- Wolf Hall (BBC)- [BBC iPlayer - Wolf Hall](#)

### Russia

#### **Some good documentaries**

- History's Biggest Fibs: The Russian Revolution (BBC)- [BBC iPlayer - Royal History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley - Series 2: 3. The Russian Revolution](#)
- Stalin and the Man of Steel (Youtube/BBC)- [BBC 1941, Stalin and the Man of Steel \(youtube.com\)](#)

#### **And some TV and films to watch**

- Anastasia (1997- Disney+)
- Death of Stalin (Netflix)

### Civil Rights

#### **Some good documentaries**

- Amend: The Fight for America (Youtube/Netflix): [Amend: The Fight for America | Episode 1 | Netflix \(youtube.com\)](#)
- Ken Burns: The West (Youtube/Netflix): [Ken Burns - The West. Ep. 02: Empire Upon The Trails \(1806 - 1848\) \(youtube.com\)](#)

#### **And some TV and films to watch (There are almost too many to list but some lesser known ones...)**

- Mrs. America (2020- Disney+)
- The Butler (2013)
- Judas and the Black Messiah (2021)
- Till (2022)
- Killers of the Flower Moon (2024- Apple TV)

## Things to listen to that could help give you some context....

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### Early Tudors

#### *Some podcasts and radio series to listen to...*

- [Henry VII - Not Just the Tudors | Acast](#)
- [The Rest Is History: The Six Wives of Henry VIII on Apple Podcasts](#)
- [History Extra podcast: The tragedy of Lady Jane Grey on Apple Podcasts](#)
- [The History of England | Podcast on Spotify](#)

### Russia

#### *Some podcasts and radio series to listen to...*

- [History Extra podcast: The Russian revolution: everything you wanted to know on Apple Podcasts](#)
- [The Life and Death of Vladimir Lenin - Dan Snow's History Hit | Acast](#)
- [Real Dictators - Joseph Stalin Part 1: The Young Bank Robber - BBC Sounds](#)

### Civil Rights

#### *Some podcasts and radio series to listen to...*

- [BBC Radio 4 - You're Dead to Me, Madam C.J. Walker](#)
- [Dan Snow's History Hit: The Civil Rights Movement on Apple Podcasts](#)
- [BBC Sounds - The New Deal - A Story For Our Times - Available Episodes](#)
- [Native Americans: a new history - History Extra podcast | Podcast on Spotify](#)

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### Early Tudors

#### **Some good articles to read**

- [Henry VII: Your Guide to The First Tudor King Of England | HistoryExtra](#)
- [Henry VIII: Life & Rule of the Famous Tudor King, plus 5 surprising facts | HistoryExtra](#)
- [Edward VI | Why The Tudor Boy King Had The Makings Of A Monster | HistoryExtra](#)
- [The Myth of 'Bloody Mary' | Mary I, England's First Tudor Queen | Smithsonian \(smithsonianmag.com\)](#)

#### **And good history books**

- A Visitor's Companion to Tudor England, (2015), Suzzane Lipscombe
- The best textbook: [OCR A Level History: England 1485–1603: Amazon.co.uk: Fellows, Nicholas, Dicken, Mary: 9781471836695: Books](#)

### Russia

#### **Some good articles to read**

- [Rasputin, The 'Mad Monk' Who Became A Friend To The Romanovs | HistoryExtra](#)
- [Lenin: His Myth, Legacy And Lust For Power | HistoryExtra](#)
- [The death of Lenin, a century on: the long afterlife of Russia's pre-eminent revolutionary | HistoryExtra](#)
- [Holodomor: A Brief History Of Stalin's Famine In Soviet Ukraine | HistoryExtra](#)

#### **And good history books**

- A Short History of Russia: How to Understand the World's Most Complex Nation (2022), Mark Galeotti
- The best Txtbook: [OCR A Level History: Russia 1894-1941: Amazon.co.uk: Holland, Andrew: 9781510416550: Books](#)

### Civil Rights

#### **Some good articles to read**

- [Who Were The Key Figures Of The Civil Rights Movement? | HistoryExtra](#)
- [The Foundations of Black Power | National Museum of African American History and Culture \(si.edu\)](#)
- [Labor Movement - America, Reform & Timeline | HISTORY](#)

#### **And good history books**

- The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation, (2021)- Anna Malaika Tubbs
- The best Textbook: [Access to History: Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1992 for OCR Second Edition : Fellows, Nicholas, Wells, Mike: Amazon.co.uk: Books](#)