

History A level summer transition work.

Exam board: OCR

Specification: <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/history-a-h105-h505-from-2015/specification-at-a-glance/>

The history transition work consists of independent learning activities which will not only inspire your interest for the subjects to be studied at A Level but also provide you with invaluable background knowledge. This type of independent work is typical of what you will be expected to do while studying A Level history, where you will be expected to carry out research work in advance, in preparation for the lessons.

The recommended time you should be spending on the transition work is a **minimum of 3 hours**, however you may get so engrossed in your research that you will want to spend longer. A key trait to a successful A Level student is to be highly organised, so it is recommended that you plan your transition work carefully and you don't leave things to the last minute.

We would like you to engage with researching the topics that you are going to study through reading, listening and watching. As a historian you will need to develop your research skills and your wider historical understanding. Below you will find things to watch, listen to, complete and read: you are not being asked to do all of it, think of it as a pick'n'mix but for a minimum time allowance. **To show that you have completed the wider reading, create 5 key take aways from what you have engaged with.**

The Early Stuarts and the Civil War	Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-63
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BBC Sounds - In Our Time: The Interregnum https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000wcnx 2. Channel 5 – The Stuarts: A Bloody Reign https://www.channel5.com/show/the-stuarts-a-bloody-reign 3. Create short biographies (no more than half A4 side) on the following people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James I • George Villiers • Charles I • Thomas Wentworth • Oliver Cromwell • Richard Cromwell 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BBC Iplayer – Rise of the Nazis, Origins https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m00084td/rise-of-the-nazis [only watch the 3 origins episodes] 2. FILM: The Rise of Evil – this can be found on YouTube and is a useful insight of Hitler becoming leader of Germany. Be warned, it is long as it was 2 TV films. 3. BBC Iplayer – Berlin 1933 https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p0gjkj43/berlin-1933 4. BBC Iplayer - Berlin 1945 https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000p9tc/berlin-1945 5. Create short biographies (no more than half A4 side) on the following people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • von Hindenburg • Hitler • Adenauer • Ulbricht
Reading List	
<i>The Coming of the Civil War, 1603-49, David Sharp</i> <i>England in Crisis 1640-60, David Sharp</i> <i>Civil War, Peter Ackroyd</i>	<i>Hitler – Hubris, Ian Kershaw</i> <i>Hitler – Nemesis, Ian Kershaw</i> <i>The Coming of the Third Reich, Richard J. Evans</i> <i>Hitler and Stalin, Alan Bullock</i> <i>Alone in Berlin, Hans Fallada</i> <i>Beyond the Wall: East Germany, 1949-1990, Katja Hoyer</i>

Please ensure that you get a lever arch folder for your notes + exam preparation. Organisation is incredibly important at A level.

You are under no obligation to purchase a textbook as we will provide you with one, and your exercise book work will be perfectly adequate to revise from. However, I have referenced both below so that you can access them if you want.

Textbooks:

1. https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-Level-History-Britain-1603-1760/dp/1471836703/ref=sr_1_3?crd=1MH97B37Q4X13&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.mw_kB0D5vizrb6ct6RkEoUUMM1rTszk3mD1gmZt2sM8gUGX90X_KCCXaa55zaLo.MH_m90ldpMLVU8ukeFZtZsf82_sl8BBlaonIij8oVI&dib_tag=se&keywords=nicholas+fellows+The+Early+Stuarts+and+the+Civil+War&qid=1719174080&s=books&prefix=nicholas+fellows+the+early+stuart+and+the+civil+war+%2Cstripbooks%2C69&sr=1-3
2. https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-Level-History-Democracy-Dictatorships/dp/1510416544/ref=sr_1_1?crd=12BF618SIKF3&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.HwYLq37EFwp0WKXpOyXHkEjIQ2Fr8wmEQtXseEE1ZFsq_a_Z75LHNSqacqgswSKSwC262t8aMUcF-Fqz_J6VPWDEDw3yohwf5pPFvdRRpS0.OOewNmaUSnrfax4BAXXBICuDILuDDx-fGbrqa0rVh0&dib_tag=se&keywords=nicholas+fellows+democracy+and+dictatorship+in+germany&qid=1719174111&s=books&prefix=nicholas+fellows+democracy+and+dictatorship+in+germany%2Cstripbooks%2C58&sr=1-1

Revision guides:

1. https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revision-Notes-level-Democracy-Dictatorships/dp/1471875857/ref=sr_1_1?crd=3P280X3DJTSP2&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.a9HDEzIUamX-oFNlvxgey-p9ffQwyhGO6CpBkv9-LxTOh4jl2hvcoE04vsciMXDxevfJVVXGAhTAzGopSzWem9qh6a8IKt_XkZzBn5WHzKOLwKBhLa74cFXNtHsWKCZGg1JBBU5LWv6RALC90ePjA.z4XbyBTtOOv23O_OFn7gLxHyu0d4NQ8MzapKwz7ng04&dib_tag=se&keywords=my+revision+notes+democracy+and+dictatorship&qid=1719174150&s=books&prefix=my+revision+notes+democracy+and+dictatorship%2Cstripbooks%2C65&sr=1-1
2. https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-level-1603-1660/dp/1510416412/ref=sr_1_1?crd=20HZ00MHQZIOZ&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.NFipt30BXOb9DKvVyasJII29twkSzeHDnCHR5vuQcwU_09rL99YAvxErqAqdDWOGJHPpq16R5CKMhbsDnG2qpYWR-ib6wOR7n3tuxsMk_zExT5N1q53TpawkjMdEaWHHXmuUnJH3CcetnaSXAXTBBrfZQsXhgD42CdtiiyS1aKKotn8S6vuWNOYdXZ8sSNGz.2bzAMjW2YJOrUsPgsXgNN42VZc-yuRsCb4atllI2_VI&dib_tag=se&keywords=my+revision+notes+the+early+stuart&qid=1719174170&s=books&prefix=my+revision+notes+the+early+stuart%2Cstripbooks%2C70&sr=1-1
3. https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-level-1865-1992/dp/1471875881/ref=sr_1_1?crd=38C3LS2VU2RZ2&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.8aJo66VdXAYEpiyH0qaws-rKDO678J80H_yKT54ij_O5afG1oAlyjwvVOpAis3YA-ukqBKS2fj2GR7DyqMhIa0tbpn7dza1xNIhsG7OqZ7aj4aZezbRtWcNv-uO94klktJyEy2wQ-ivNYAhIPNg.DVykhMOeGkAMjaasLKcKafQm1q-Sase1aP6oC5S00yg&dib_tag=se&keywords=my+revision+notes+civil+rights+in+the+USA&qid=1719174190&s=books&prefix=my+revision+notes+civil+rights+in+the+usa%2Cstripbooks%2C66&sr=1-1