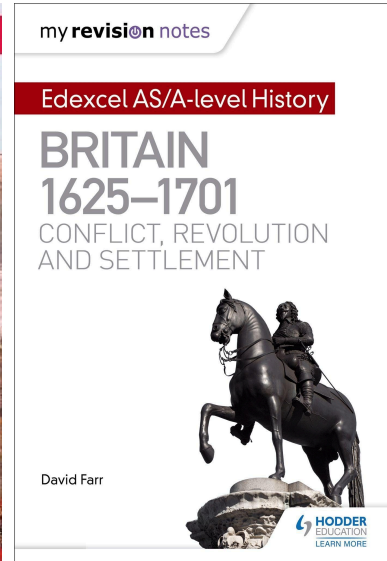
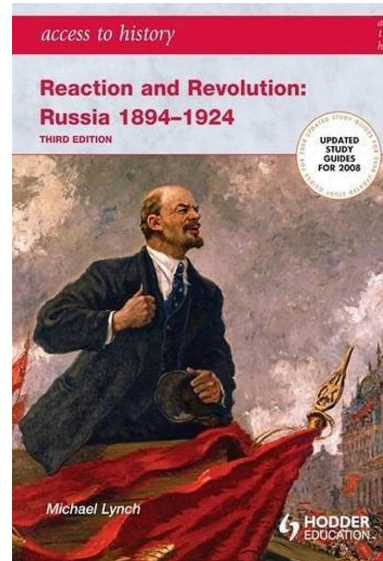


History - Head Start Activities



Dear Students,

Welcome to your Head Start Activities for **History**. Transitioning to Sixth Form is an exciting step and at Norbury High School for Girls, we are here to help you start strong. This Head Start booklet is designed to support your move into NHSG Sixth Form, giving you the chance to explore your chosen subjects, prepare for future success, and begin shaping your next chapter with confidence.

We look forward to working with you from September

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Course details:

- Title: History
- Level: A-Level
- Board: Edexcel Pearson
- [Website](#)
- NHSG Course information linked [here](#)

In these activities and ideas you will find not only opportunities to stretch your thinking but also to help you discover what you are passionate about, both inside and beyond the classroom

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Listen to podcasts and talks, by subject experts and inspiring female leaders.

- Below are some good lectures/podcasts/videos for each of our modules:
 - a) Civil Rights 1850-2009:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPx5aRuWCtc&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNYJO8JWpXO2JP0ezqxsrJJ> (this has a staggering 52 videos!) and
<https://massolit.io/subjects/english-literature/option/39-1-civil-rights-and-race-relations-in-the-usa-1850-2009>
 - b) Britain 1625-1701:
<https://massolit.io/subjects/history/option/1c-britain-1625-1701-conflict-revolution-and-settlement>
 - c) Russia 1894-1924:
<https://massolit.io/subjects/history/option/2c-2-russia-in-revolution-1894-1924>

Watch documentaries, interviews, or mini-lectures linked to your subjects to deepen your understanding.

- Watch the following documentaries to broaden your understanding:
 - a) Civil Rights: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NFZN9VPOLQ> (One More River)
 - b) Russia: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3H6z037pboFwKREwWrf4ELNDdiTLyhAN> (Last of the Czars)
 - c) Britain:
<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-trial-of-charles-i-part-1/id1537788786?i=1000549118553> and
<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-trial-of-charles-i-part-2/id1537788786?i=1000549231952> *(The Trial of Charles I)

Read articles, essays, or books that challenge your thinking and expand your subject knowledge.

- Here are some ideas for books to read to broaden your understanding of each of the periods:
 - a) Civil Rights: *Beloved* by Toni Morrison, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.
 - b) Russia: *A gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, *The Russian Revolution* by Sheila Fitzpatrick.
 - c) Britain: *The Restless Republic* by Anna Keay, *The Blazing World* by Jonathan Healy.
 - d) Coursework on the Holocaust:
<https://www.holocaustcentre.org.nz/uploads/1/1/5/2/115245341/interpretations-of-the-holocaust.pdf>, <https://holocausteducation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2-6-things-short-lesson.pdf>,
<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/perpetrators>,
<https://shshistory.com/extra%20pages/AAAintentionalism%20and%20functionalism%20explained%20the%20holocaust.pdf>

Visit local exhibitions, galleries, or workplaces that connect with your studies and open your eyes to future possibilities.

Various museums will help you prepare for our course, including but not limited to:

- Imperial War Museum - Holocaust Exhibition
- British Museum - Stuart Britain and the English Civil War
- London Museum - Execution of Charles I

Go beyond the essentials, to explore big questions and wider issues. What are the big challenges facing your subject?

- Our coursework is on the role of Adolf Hitler in the Holocaust and how much responsibility he bears. You could think about big ideas such as - ***“How much power can one person really have?”***, ***“What does it mean to be ‘responsible’ for something?”***