

Year 11 A Level British History Preparation Project

Below is a range of questions, a small reading list and list of materials that will support your progression onto studying A-Level History. **This focuses on the British exam paper only.**

Whilst studying A-Level History, you will study two topics throughout both years 12 and 13.

- Unit 1 – USA 1865-1975: The Making of a Superpower (**Miss Hannah will have set a separate project on this topic**)
- Unit 2 – The Making of Modern Britain 1951-2007

In preparation for the A-Level British paper, you need to understand what was happening in Britain directly after the end of World War Two. A background reading task for this has already been uploaded to the “Yr11 Students 2020 Pre A level work” google classroom. The access code is: **Innuxym (the first letter is a small L)**

As the perfect starting point for your studies on The Making of Modern Britain, it would be worth researching and answering the following questions:

Post-WWII Britain 1945-1951

- ✓ Which political party won the election after WWII?
- ✓ What was so significant about Clement Attlee?
Handy Hint! Think about his achievements as prime minister.
- ✓ Who was William Beveridge and what were his ‘five evils’?
 - **As a bit of a challenge – what did he do to try and resolve these ‘evils’?**
- ✓ What was created under Attlee’s leadership? What were the reasons for its creation?
- ✓ What party and under whose leadership won the election in 1951?

When Finished: You may wish to do some research on the following topics:

1. **The Making of Modern Britain – Unit 1: 1951-64:**
 - Prime ministers – success/failures.
 - Which political party dominated politics during this time period?
2. **Research the Prime Minister’s 1951-2007**
 - Try and research ALL of the Prime Minister you will examine during this topic. A separate booklet has been provided for you to write in to complete this section

Handy Resources:

Books

Andrew Marr – A History of Modern Britain

Websites

BBC (very good for researching the Britain Unit).

Youtube:

- Type in the name of any of the Prime Ministers and there will be lots of clips about their time in office
- 1945 remembered, and the rise and fall of the Labour Party – BBC Newsnight

Clement Attlee: The Man Who Made Modern Britain

- BBC Teach - The Foundation of the National Health Service | History – Exploring the Past: Post War Britain

DVD

Andrew Marr – A History of Modern Britain

Good luck with this project. If you need any guidance, or have any questions about the work then please do not hesitate to email either of us:

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Stay safe and hope to see you all back in school very soon, starting your A level History course with us.

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