

# **A Level History Reading List**

J.Tosh, Why History Matters

R.Evans, In Defence of History

J.Rusen, Evidence and Meaning: A Theory of Historical Studies

J.Rusen, History: Narration, Interpretation, Orientation

E.Watson, An Infographic History of the Cold War

O.Westad, The Cold War: A World History

O.Westad, The Global Cold War

Frankopan, The Silk Roads KS5

Robert Gildea, Empires of the mind KS5

Bell Hooks, Teaching to transgress KS5

Bell Hooks, ain't i a woman KS5

James Baldwin, Notes of a native son, The Fire Next Time KS4-5

Kehinde Andrews, Back to Black KS4-5

Mary Beard, SPQR KS4-5

Peter Fryer, Staying Power KS4-5

Napoleon the Great by Andrew Roberts KS5

Beautiful Idiots and Brilliant Lunatics by Rob Baker KS5

Eric Foner, Give me Liberty! An American History KS4-5

Afua Hirsh, Brit(ish) KS4-5

Karen Armstrong, A History of God KS4-5

Anthony N. Penna, The Human Footprint: A Global Environmental History KS5

Mark Honigsbaum, A History of Global Contagion from the Spanish Flu to Covid-19 (2020) KS4-5

David Reynolds, Island Stories: Britain and its history in the age of Brexit KS4-5

Eileen Power, Medieval People KS3-5

John Milton, Paradise Lost KS5

Sam Wineburg, Historically Thinking & Other Unnatural Acts KS5

Joseph Conrad, Heart of Darkness KS4-5

Hilary Mantel, Wolf Hall; A Place of Greater Safety KS5

Umberto Eco, In the Name of the Rose KS5

Graham Greene, The Quiet American KS4-5

Giuseppe Tomasi Di Lampeduas, The Leopard KS4-5

Laurence Sterne, The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman KS4-5

Mikhail Bulgakov, The Master and Margarita KS4-5

E. P. Thompson, The Making of the English Working Class KS5

Eric Hobsbawm, Age of Revolution; Age of Capital; Age of Empire KS5

David Kynaston, Austerity Britain: Tales of a New Jerusalem (3 vols) KS5

John Tosh, The Pursuit of History KS5

John Lewis Gaddis, The Landscape of History KS5

J Keep, Last of the Empires: A History of the Soviet Union 1945-1991 KS5

Ludmilla Jordanova, History in Practice KS5

Virginia Woolf, A Room of One's Own KS4-5

R.J. Evans, In defence of history KS4-5

R. J. Evans, Telling Lies About Hitler KS4-5

M Lynch, Stalin and Khrushchev: The USSR 1924-1964 KS5

S Lee, Stalin and The Soviet Union KS5

A Farmer Britain: Foreign Affairs, 1919-1939 KS4-5

M Kishlansky, Monarchy Transformed: Britain 1603-1714 KS5

Guy J. Tudor England KS3-5

Tim Marshall, Shadow Play KS4-5

Ariella Azoulay's Potential History: Unlearning Imperialism KS5

Priyamvada Gopal's Insurgent Empire KS4-5

D. Abulafia, The Great Sea: A Human History of the Mediterranean KS4-5

G. Clark, A Farewell to Alms: A Brief Economic History of the World KS4-5

C. Holcombe, A History of East Asia: From the Origins of Civilization to the Twenty-First Century KS5

L. Hunt, History: Why it Matters KS5

Lynn Hunt, Inventing Human Rights KS5

S. Maza, Thinking About History KS4-5

N. McGregor, A History of the World in 100 Objects KS4-5

G. Heng, The Invention of Race in the European Middle Ages KS5

J. Herrin, Byzantium: The Surprising Life of a Medieval Empire KS5

J. Le Goff, The Medieval Imagination KS5

H. Kennedy, The Great Arab Conquests: How the Spread of Islam Changed the World We Live in KS3/5

M. Rubin, 'A Short Introduction to Anti-Judaism For Our Times' KS3/5

T. Blanning, The Culture of Power and the Power of Culture. Old Regime Europe, 1660-1789 KS5

R. Darnton, The Great Cat Massacre and other Episodes in French Cultural History KS5

N. Z. Davis, The Return of Martin Guerre KS5

E. Duffy, The Voices of Morebath. Reformation and Rebellion in an English Village KS5

J. Elliott, Empires of the Atlantic World: Britain and Spain in America, 1492-1830 KS3-5

C. Ginzburg, The Cheese and the Worms KS3-5

P. Parthasarathi, Why Europe grew rich and Asia did not: global economic divergence, 1600-1850 KS4-5

P. Seaver, Wallington's World: A Puritan Artisan in Seventeenth Century London KS5

R. Sprang, 'The Revolution is Under Way Already' KS5

S. Subrahmanyam, Three Ways to Be Alien: Travails and Encounters in the Early Modern World KS5

K. Thomas, Religion and the Decline of Magic. Studies in Popular Beliefs in 16th and 17th Century England KS3/5

E. P. Thompson, Whigs and Hunters KS3-5

D. Underdown, Fire from Heaven. The Life of an English Town in the Seventeenth Century KS3-5

M. Alexander, The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness KS5

A. Appiah, In My Father's House: Africa in the Philosophy of Culture KS4-5

C. Aydin, The Idea of the Muslim World: A Global Intellectual History KS4-5

C. Bayly, The Birth of the Modern World, 1780-1914 KS3-5

C. Bayly, Remaking the Modern World, 1900-2015 KS3-5

M. Finn & K. Smith (eds.), The East India Company at Home, 1757-1857 KS4

E. Foner, The Fiery Trial. Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery KS3-5

R. Foster, The Irish Story: Telling Tales and Making it up in Ireland KS3-4

K. H. Perry, London is the Place for Me: Black Britons, Citizenship and the Politics of Race KS4-5

G. Hershatter, Women in China's Long Twentieth Century KS4-5

M. Jasanoff, Edge of Empire: Lives, Culture, and Conquest in the East, 1750-1850 KS4-5

A. Hourani, A History of the Arab Peoples

W. Johnson, Soul by Soul: Life inside the Antebellum Slave Market KS3-5

J. Lepore, These Truths KS4-5

A. Light, Common People: The History of an English Family KS5

M. Mazower, Dark Continent. Europe's 20th Century KS4-5

P. Mishra, Age of Anger: A History of the Present KS4-5

S. Rosenfeld, Democracy and Truth: A Short History KS5

A. Smith & C. Jeppeson (eds.), Britain, France and the Decolonization of Africa KS4-5

F. Sutcliffe-Braithwaite and N. Thomlinson, Women in the Miners' Strike, 1984-5 KS5

Jared Diamond, Guns, Germs, and Steel KS4-5

Yuval Noah Harari, Sapiens KS4-5

Howard Zinn, A People's History of the United States KS4-5

The Story of China by Michael Wood KS4-5

Shakespeare in a Divided America by James Shapiro KS4-5

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell KS4-5

Royals and Rebels: The Rise and Fall of the Sikh Empire by Priya Atwal KS5

Time's Monster: History, Conscience and British Empire by Priya Satia KS5

Obeah, Race and Racism: Caribbean Witchcraft in the English Imagination by Eugenia O'Neal KS3-5

Kleist, Castro KS4-5

Marjane Satrapi, Persepolis KS4-5

Trinity: A Graphic History of the First Atomic Bomb KS4-5

Hosseini, The Kite Runner KS4-5

Waltz with Bashir KS4-5

Deborah Wiles, 'Revolution' KS4-5

C J Sansome, The 'Shardlake' Series KS3-5

Hilary Mantel (A Level), 'Wolf Hall', 'Bring Up the Bodies', 'The Mirror and the Light' KS5

R. Aldous, The Lion and the Unicorn: Gladstone and Disraeli