

## Gateway to A Level History

### Welcome to A Level History!

#### Something to be creative ...A level historian activity 1

Choose any period of time that catches your interest - this could be anything you may have seen in films, on social media, read about in books or studied in school. If you can't think of anything, there is a list on the following website: <https://www.history.com/topics>

Once you have found your topic, carry out your own research into an area of this. For example, if you wanted to look at World War II, you could focus your research into events or significant individuals. Allow yourself to be creative with your research!

Once you have completed some initial research, answer the following questions. Each of these questions will help you develop historical skills you will need for your A Level course.

1. What was the significance of this event/time period?
2. What primary or secondary sources have you utilised?
3. Are there any differing interpretations of this event/period/person from history?
4. What were the key causes and consequences?
5. Argument/controversy surrounding this topic?

#### Something to watch...A Level Historian Activity 2 - Documentaries for interest!

- Cuba: Castro vs the World - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000lj6l/cuba-castro-vs-the-world>
- Black and British: A Forgotten History - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b082x0h6>
- The Road to Partition - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000wgtj>
- Dunkirk - film, 2017
- Les Misérables - film, 2012
- 12 Years A Slave - film, 2013
- Downfall - film, 2004

## Somewhere to go... Museums to visit (all free of charge!)

- Weston Park Museum
- Kelham Island Museum
- Millennium Galleries



## Something to listen to...podcasts of interest!

*Dan Carlin's Hardcore History*

*History of Rome & Revolutions*

*Nice Try*

*Presidential*

*Revisionist History*



## Something to read...

*The Land Beyond the Sea, Sharon Penman*

*The War of the Poor, Eric Vuillard*

*Circus of Wonders, Elizabeth Macneal*

*The Piano Turner, Daniel Mason*

*Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe*

*The Water Dancer, Ta-Nehisi Coates*

*Pippo and Clara, Diana Rosie*

