

A Level History – Year 12 Preparation Work

Unit Y107 – British period study and enquiry – England 1547-1603: Mid Tudor Crisis and The Later Tudors.

Unit Y216 – Non-British period study – The USA in the 19th century: Westward expansion and Civil War 1803-c.1890.

In practical terms, you will need a few things:-

1. Two lever-arch folders (one for each side of the course)
2. Plastic wallets for sheets that cannot (or that you do not want) to hole-punch
3. Packs of lined paper
4. Highlighters – at least 3 different colours
5. Flash Cards!

In preparation for the start of the course in September, you should complete the following tasks:-

Unit Y107 – British period study and enquiry – England 1547-1603: the Later Tudors.

You should produce your own timeline of the Tudor period (1485-1603), following research, so that you have a basic general background knowledge of, and get a feel for, the changes during this time. You should include key dates and brief details for the following:-

- Changes in monarchy
- Changes in religion
- Rebellions and plots
- Wars

Carry out some research on the last year of Henry VIII.


There are a number of books that are useful for this side of the course that can be found quite cheaply online as second hand books. You might wish to purchase your own copies in advance and start reading to gain greater contextual knowledge.

Suggested titles are:-


The core textbook for this unit is:


 **Dickens and Fellows, *England 1485-1603*, (OCR, 2015)**

Other books you may consider are:

 Lotherington J (ed.), *The Tudor Years*, (Hodder Education, 2nd revised edition, 2003)

 Guy J, *Tudor England*, (Oxford University Press, 1990)

 Warren J, *Elizabeth I Meeting the Challenge: England 1541-1603*, (Hodder Education, 3rd edition, 2008)

 Starkey D, *Elizabeth*, (Vintage, 2001)

Unit Y216 – Non-British period study – The USA in the 19th century: Westward expansion and Civil War 1803-c.1890.

Watch: Crash Course: Westward Expansion (20mins) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q16OZkgSXfM> and read this blog: <https://blog.education.nationalgeographic.org/2018/09/16/what-is-westward-expansion/> Summarise the document and create a timeline of the main events.

Watch *Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee*, available on Vimeo <https://vimeo.com/112639971> which is a film about the Indian experience in the 19th Century and explain clearly how this film links to the topics in the summary documents.

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Suggested Reading

The core textbook for this unit is:

 **Mike Wells, Nicholas Fellows OCR A Level History: The American Revolution 1740-1796 and The USA in the 19th Century 1803–1890**

Other books you may consider are:

 Brown D, *Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West*, (Vintage)

 Farmer A, *America: Civil War and Westward Expansion 1803-90*, (Hodder Education, 5th edition, 2015)

If you have any problems or questions about this work, or about the History A Level Course as a whole, please email us: wmorton@birchwoodhigh.ork.uk or msabur@birchwoodhigh.ork.uk and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can.

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