

Welcome to your study of A level history

Y12: Russia: 1894-1941 and Civil Rights in the USA: 1865-1992

Y13: Later Tudors 1547-1603 and NEA (Non examined assessment)

A good way to prepare for your A Level history course is to do some pre-reading and research. The examination board for this course is OCR, you can find the specification here: [AS and A Level - History A - H105, H505](#)

The units we have selected to study are:

Y219 Russia 1894-1941

Y319 Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1992

Y107 Later Tudors 1547-1603

Y100 Non Examined Assessment

Below are some suggested ideas of things you could do to give you an insight into the first two courses which you will complete in Y12

Russia 1894-1941 research task

Create an annotated map of Russia which shows key facts on aspects of its position at the start of the Twentieth century.

Objectives:

To show your research and selection skills.

To develop background knowledge about Russia and its rulers.

Categories to use:

- Government
- Living conditions
- Rural economy
- Industrial economy
- The Russian military
- Religion
- Language and culture



You could do this on A3. Include an appropriate map of Russia from around the turn of the Twentieth century. You could use 'post-it notes' to identify key pieces of information linked to the headings above. Information may include statistics, quotations, events or key pieces of knowledge.

It would be great to share this with your teacher on your first lesson in September.

Suggested reading -	Things to watch (all available via You Tube)
Revolutionary Russia, 1891-1991: A Pelican Introduction	Russia Land of the Tsars – part 4 Last of the Czars – 01 – Nicky and Alix
Russian History: A Very Short Introduction	Last of the Czars – 02 – The shadow of Rasputin Last of the Czars – 03 – Death of the dynasty
The Russian Revolution: A Very Short Introduction	Russian revolution in colour

Civil Rights 1865-1992

During the Y12 course we will look at the development of civil rights for 4 different groups in the USA. We will look at how African Americans, workers, Native Americans, and women campaigned for greater rights between 1865 and 1992. For each group you will study different individuals and events responsible for change and progress. We also must look at 3 depth studies. These are 3 periods in US History that we will investigate in detail; you will then have to decide whether each group benefited during this period. Complete some preliminary research on these depth studies over the summer.

The Gilded Age – this was the USA's period of industrialisation. It was a period of prosperity for US industry and manufacturing developed to a large extent. However, there were also lots of social and economic problems for working class people in this period. Complete some independent research to find out more about this period.

The New Deal – in 1929 the USA stock market crashed and plunged the USA into a great economic depression. When Franklin D Roosevelt was elected as President, he introduced something called the New Deal which was a programme of reforms and new laws designed to help American's economy recover. Complete some general research about the Depression and the New Deal. Find out about the Alphabet Agencies and what they were designed to improve about economy.

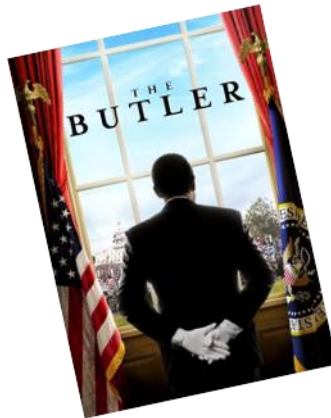


The Black Power Movement – you may already know something about the Black Power movement from your GCSE studies. The Black Power movement supported the development of African American rights, but some historians also believe that the Black Power movement inspired other campaigners. Complete some research about Malcolm X, Stokely Carmichael and the Black Power movement.

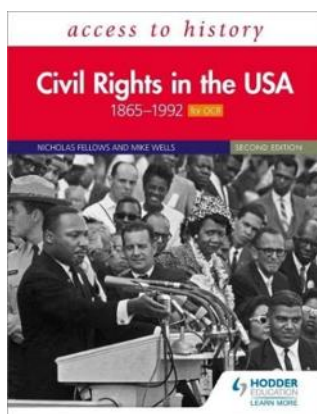
Civil Rights research task

If you have access to the following films or programmes you will also find they provide you with a useful insight into different aspects of the course.

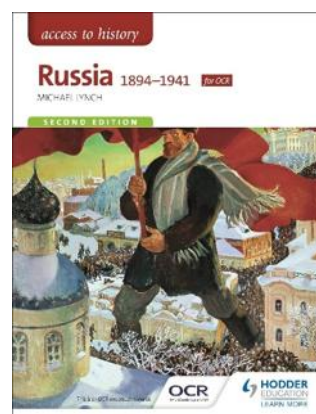
- Selma
- The Butler
- Mrs America



We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible joining us in September. A level History is challenging, but also engaging, varied and a great academic subject to show potential universities and employers. **Following your final results, if you do decide to join us please be aware that you will need the following set texts:**



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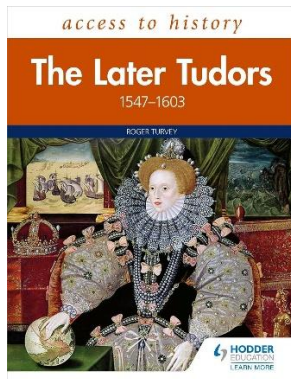


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These can be bought new from Amazon, but we would also recommend looking for second hand copies (previous editions of the same books would be fine). **A good place to look is 'world of books' ([World of Books | Buy cheap second-hand books online | Wob](#)) where you can often pick up copies for less than £5 in very good condition.** Moreover, if you know people who have done these courses previously, they may be happy to pass them on. If you have any trouble getting these texts, please let us know in September so we can help.

From Y13 you will only need one book:



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Before you officially begin this course in September, we feel it is important that you prepare the following:

You will need:

A folder

Dividers

Plastic wallets or a hole punch to secure sheets securely into your file

Highlighter pens for analysis of articles

