



A level History

Specification

Edexcel GCE History

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Course Overview

Year 1 Subject Content	Year 2 Subject Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Paper 1, Option 1A: The crusades, c1095–1204● Paper 2, Option 2A.1: Anglo-Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Kingdom, c1053–1106 <p>(Specification pp. 16-8)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Paper 3, Option 39.2: Mass media and social change in Britain, 1882–2004● Coursework - likely to be on Richard the Lionheart <p>(Specification pp. 110-1, 113-9)</p>

Recommended Reading and Watching

[We clearly don't expect you to buy/read/watch all of these!]

- Edexcel AS/A Level History, Paper 1&2: Conquest, control and resistance in the medieval world Student Book + ActiveBook* (ISBN-10: 1447985281) (the textbook we use in Y12 - you will get a school copy for Y12 but ideally buy your own copy that you can keep for Y13 and which you can annotate)
- Edexcel A Level History, Paper 3: Mass media and social change in Britain 1882-2004 Student Book + ActiveBook* (ISBN-10: 1447985400) (the textbook we use in Y13 - you will get a school copy for Y13 but ideally buy your own copy that you can annotate)
- Asbridge, *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land* (ISBN-10: 1849836884) (excellent, readable overview of crusades - n.b. book goes beyond 1204 where our course ends)
- Maconie, *Hope and Glory: A People's History of Modern Britain* (ISBN-10: 0091926491) (I read a review that said 'it's quite a trip, full of sex and violence and the occasional scone and jigsaw. From pop stars to politicians, Suffragettes to punks, this is a journey around Britain in search of who we are.' Well worth a read!)
- Rathbone, *The Last English King* (ISBN-10: 0349109435) (excellent novel about 1066 and all that)



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- Peace, *GB84* (ISBN-10: 9780571314874) (fantastic, dark novel about the 1984 miners' strike)
- Scott, *Kingdom of Heaven: Director's Cut* (2005 film) (not entirely historically accurate but gives a good starting impression for understanding the crusades)
- Meadows, *This Is England* (2006 film) (amazing film set in Thatcher's Britain in the early 1980s. It is an 18 and is gritty stuff so watch with care!)
- Meadows, *This Is England: '86-90'* (2015 DVD) (follow up TV series - just as good)

Transition work for History A level students

- ★ Write a maximum of 500 words to explain why you think it is important to study history.
- ★ Chose one of the novels, films or DVDs listed above and write a maximum of 750 words about it. You might want to...
 - explain how useful you think it has been in giving you an insight to the events/period it is set in.
 - mention specific scenes and/or themes that emerge.
 - think about how historically accurate you think the source is likely to be.
 - do some research into the actual history behind it.
 - consider the novel/film/TV show's provenance.