

Southam College History Department
Year 12 summer work

Component One: The Tudors: England 1485 – 1603

These activities will help prepare you for the historical context that Henry VII took over the throne of England in by studying the reign of the King before him: Richard III.

- Research HOW Richard of Gloucester became King Richard III. Write a summary account of events that led to him taking the throne in 1483. Consider – under what circumstances did Richard III become king of England? How might his transition to kingship affect his reign?
- Research and produce a time line of key events from the reign of Richard III. Consider categorising this, for example: domestic events / foreign events / personal events etc... You could also categorise for areas of success / failure.
- Write a summary (one side of A4 max) to address the following question: How successful a king was Richard III? Consider: qualities needed to be a successful king, positives and negatives about him and his rule, opinions about Richard III etc...
- Read the article by Chris Skidmore called ‘Bosworth, the dawn of the Tudors’. Make general notes, and then complete the historian’s interpretation summary overview sheet. This sheet is to condense down your general notes so should contain the really key points from the writing.
- Read the article by Gordon Marsden called ‘Henry VII: Miracle King’. Make general notes, and then complete the historian’s interpretation summary overview sheet. This sheet is to condense down your general notes so should contain the really key points from the writing.

Component two: Revolution and dictatorship: Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917 - 1953

This course covers Russian History from 1917-1953 – from the Russian revolutions of 1917 to the death of Stalin after WW2.

- Research the Russian Revolutions of 1917.
- Produce an A3 mind map of the Causes of the February Revolution 1917.
- Research and produce fact-files on Lenin and Stalin
- Write an essay of 1000 words *'To what extent was the February revolution primarily a consequence of the Russian failures in the First World War?'*

Your completed work for each component is due in on the FIRST History lesson in September. You need to be prepared to discuss your ideas, as well.

Please note – you could have History on your first day, so make sure you are well prepared!