

History

To prepare effectively for your A Level in History it is suggested you work through the below tasks and bring these with you for your first day at Bilton 6th form.

Germany 1918-1945

Task 1: Historical Context: Germany before WW1.

1. Who was Otto von Bismarck?
2. Why is he important?
3. How did he change Germany?
4. What was his legacy?
5. How did Kaiser Wilhelm affect Germany?
6. How was he connected to the other royal families across Europe? How did rivalry manifest itself between the cousins? (Documentary below will be useful to answer this question)
7. What is imperialism and how did this influence Wilhelm's policy?
8. Why did World War One break out in 1914?

- * <https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts/categories/438/podcast/600/bismarck-german-unification-the-rise-of-the-ger>
- * http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/bismarck_otto_von.shtml
- * http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/wilhelm_kaiser_ii.shtml

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Task 2: The Political Spectrum and German Political Parties

For each of the questions below, create a mind map/list/poster/diagram.

You need to include answers to the bullet points to develop your answers to the key questions.

1. What was the Weimar Constitution?

- What was the structure?
- Include a diagram
- Outline details about the key roles/aspects e.g. President, Chancellor, Reichstag, Reichstat

<https://slideplayer.com/slide/9687989/>

2. What was decided at the Treaty of Versailles?

- What were the terms of the treaty?
- What was the impact on Germany?
- How did the German people respond to the Treaty? (include different reactions)

<https://www.johndclare.net/EA2.htm>

3. What were the different political parties in Weimar Germany? (You could do a table)

- ◇ Spartacist League - later KPD
- ◇ USPD, Social Democratic Party (SPD)
- ◇ Centre Party (ZP)
- ◇ German Democratic Party (DDP)
- ◇ German Nationalist People's Party (DNVP)
- ◇ German People's Party (DVP)
- ◇ Nazi Party (NSDAP)
- What were the parties on the left, centre and right?
- Who were the leaders and what were the views of each (
- Draw/find a diagram that shows all the parties across the political spectrum

<http://www.historyhome.co.uk/europe/weimar.htm>

<https://twitter.com/historychappy/status/950433376011542530>

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Tudors 1485—1603

Task 3: What was the situation in England when Henry Tudor won the crown?

It is important to develop an understanding about the situation that was inherited by the Tudor monarchs so we can understand the context in which they ruled.

Watch the following Documentary (British History's Biggest Fibs With Lucy Worsley - Episode 1: War of the Roses) and answer the 18 questions below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4SsGg0c6eg>

1. What is the story of the Battle of Stubbins in the Wars of the Roses?
2. What were the 2 sides in the Wars of the Roses?
3. What happened in 1461 on the 29th March and why was it exceptional?
4. What happened at the Battle of Bosworth according to the Tudors and Shakespeare?
5. What problems did Henry VII face immediately after Bosworth?
6. How did Henry use the story of the War of the Roses to solve his problems?
7. How did Historians under Henry VII manipulate the Wars of the Roses?
8. How did Henry VIII continue the propaganda started by his father?
9. What problems did Elizabeth I have when she became queen?
10. How did she use the War of the Roses to help her?
11. How and why did Shakespeare write about the Wars of the Roses in the 1590s?
12. How did the Stuarts use the tale of the Princes in the Tower?
13. Where does the name 'Wars of the Roses' come from?
14. What is Whig History and what was its view of the Wars of the Roses?
15. How have the Wars of the Roses continued into the 20th century?
16. What is the view of 'Good King Richard'?
17. What is the link with a car park in Leicester?
18. Do you agree more with the Henry Tudor Society or the Richard III Society? Why?

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