

**Southam College History Department**  
**Year 12 summer work**

You need to complete ALL tasks for BOTH units. If you have any questions, please contact the History department BEFORE the summer holidays.

**Unit One: Britain, 1625 – 1701: conflict, revolution and settlement**

These activities will help prepare you for 'the Stuarts' unit by gaining an overview of the Stuart dynasty, the context in which they came to power, and key events of the time period.

- **Create a fact-file for each of the following rulers / monarchs (max ½ side of A4 for each profile):**
  - Charles I
  - Oliver Cromwell
  - Charles II
  - James II
  - William III & Mary II
- **Create an overview timeline for the period 1625 – 1701 (single side of A4/A3 is fine).** Categorise events into different themes, e.g. rebellion / foreign / religious / political etc.
- **How did the Stuarts come to rule England?** Write a response to this question (max one side of A4). Consider – dynastic links to the Tudors / opinions of Elizabeth I about marriage and succession / links between England and Scotland.

The following could help with your general research:

[Stuart England | English Heritage](#)

[The Stuarts | The Royal Family](#)

[BBC - Scotland's History - In Depth The Stewarts](#)

[The Stuarts: everything you wa...–HistoryExtra podcast – Apple Podcasts](#)

[English Civil War Pt.1–Not Just the Tudors – Apple Podcasts](#)

## Unit two: Russia in revolution, 1894 - 1924

The purpose of this project is to prepare your knowledge and understanding of the background to Tsar Nicholas' accession to power in 1894. It should take around 5 to 6 hours to complete.

### 1. Create a timeline from 1855–1894 including:

- Alexander II's reforms (Emancipation of the Serfs, 1861)
- Alexander III's reactionary rule
- Industrialisation under Witte (intro)
- Growth of opposition groups

Minimum: **12–15 key events with brief explanations**

### 2. Fact Files (Key Themes)

Produce 1-page fact files on:

- Tsarist Autocracy
- Peasants and agriculture
- Industrial workers
- Opposition groups (e.g. Narodniks, Marxists)

Each fact file should include: Key features/3–5 key facts

### 3. Independent Research Task

Research and summarise:

- Nicholas II's personality and beliefs
- Why historians think he was (or wasn't) suited to rule

Present as bullet notes or a short profile

### 4. Extended writing: Write a 1,000 word essay on the question below. Aim for 3 clear paragraphs with evidence, analysis, counterpoints and evaluation (plus intro and conclusion). This needs to be **handwritten**.

*How accurate is it to say that Russia was an unstable country by the time of the Tsar's accession in 1894?*

**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! Your work needs to be handed in on paper, not emailed.**