



Year 11 Preparation for Study at Loreto College

SUBJECT

History



QUALIFICATION

A Level



PREPARATION TASKS



BRITAIN 1851-1964

1. Study what is meant by the term democracy - how does the British political system work? Who can vote? How are laws made?
2. Create a timeline of British Prime Ministers and governments 1832-1964
3. What was it like to be poor in the 19th Century? How did people live? Work? What rights did they have? Who helped them?

COLD WAR c1945 - 1991

1. Create a timeline of the Cold War: include the different US Presidents and the different Soviet leaders 1945-1991
2. What are communism and capitalism? Why were people so afraid of communism?
3. How did the USA, USSR and GB work together in World War 2?

READ QUALITY NEWSPAPERS, REGULARLY!
WATCH THE NEWS, REGULARLY!

RESEARCH



BRITAIN

Research the careers of some of the key British political figures of the 19th Century:

- Benjamin Disraeli
- William Gladstone
- Joseph Chamberlain
- Emmeline Pankhurst

COLD WAR

Research the careers of some of the early Cold War figures:

- Harry S Truman
- Josef Stalin
- Dwight D Eisenhower
- Nikita Khrushchev

Research the Russian Revolution 1917.

Research the development of the atomic bomb - the Manhattan Project and Hiroshima and Nagasaki, August 1945.

RECOMMENDED READING



Useful books to look at:

BRITAIN: Book you will be loaned when you start college:

- 'Challenge and Transformation: Britain 1851-1964' by Ailsa Fortune

Other VERY useful books:

- 'Mastering Modern British History' by Norman Lowe
- 'Aspects of British Political History 1815 - 1914' by Stephen Lee

COLD WAR: Book you will be loaned at college:

- 'The Cold War c 1945-1991' by Alexis Marmaux and John Aldred

Other VERY useful books:

- 'We Now Know: Rethinking Cold War History' by John L Gaddis

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES



BRITISH POLITICAL SYSTEM:

[UK Parliament – What is the House of Lords?](#) (video)

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[UK Parliament – How Laws are made](#) (video)

USEFUL BRITISH HISTORY WEBSITES:

[Spartacus Educational](#)

[The National Archives](#)

COLD WAR:

[John D Clare](#) - VERY Useful background to the Cold War - GCSE Level

VIDEO LINKS:

[Andrew Marr 'MAKING OF MODERN BRITAIN' \(Episode 1\)](#)

['CNN THE COLD WAR' series](#) (all episodes are available on YouTube)

This research work is really useful to do, as it will help you to explore your options for college study. Please be aware that agreed courses will be finalised at enrolment after students have been awarded their GCSE results.