

Stretch and Challenge Activities for History

KS3

Visit museums and exhibitions such as the National Portrait Gallery, IWM, National Archives, British Museum, V&A, and more locally; the Roman Baths, American History Museum Bath, The Tank Museum (Bovington), Fleet Air Arm Museum, Beaulieu, etc.

Visit other places of interest such as the Tower of London, the Cabinet War Rooms, Windsor Castle, Hampton Court Palace, Longleat, Stonehenge and Avebury, Brunel's SS Great Britain, Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, Chepstow Castle, etc.

Watch relevant documentaries on the topics we are studying but also on topics outside of the History curriculum, to extend your love and passion for History (e.g. David Starkey, Days that Shook the World Series).

Listen to Radio 4 discussions and debates on historical topics.

Research the context of the period – fashion, food, jobs, music, etc., to gain a better understanding of the period.

Read Historical novels to immerse yourself in the period and also challenge how realistic the interpretations are – ask your history teacher or Mrs Daniels for recommendations.

Watch Horrible Histories and create your own historical videos on periods studied

For a broad cross-curricular approach, you could complete the Big History Project:

<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>

Join the Battlefields trip to get a better understanding of German and Cold War History.

KS4

Purchase additional textbooks and revision guides to read more widely on the subject.

Interview a relative about their perspective on an event in the past.

Watch a historical film and do some research on how accurate it is – ask your History teacher for recommendations.

Watch relevant documentaries on the topics we are studying – ask your History teacher for recommendations.

Join the Berlin trip to get a better understanding of German and Cold War History.

Develop your content knowledge by reading articles in Hindsight and Modern History Review – back catalogue in the library and online: <https://my.dynamic-learning.co.uk/MyDynamicLearning.aspx>

KS5:

See the wider reading lists published for all A-Level History topics.

Speak to your teacher about a mini-research and presentation opportunity to develop knowledge of the course and confidence in speaking publicly.

Join the New York trip to get a better understanding of American History.

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For everyone:

The internet could help with research and understanding topics in more detail.

Visit the library and speak to Mrs Daniel or our library or History prefects and see what material you can use to read up on topics, or ask to borrow History magazines.

Tips for parents:

You could ask your child...

What is your view on the events in the past that you are studying?

How does it compare to other periods?

What different interpretations are there on this event?