

OCR A LEVEL HISTORY INDUCTION INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to A Level History B at UKAT Sixth Form, based at Brompton Academy. We are excited to have you onboard and are looking forward to teaching you from September.

The OCR History course (Hi505) consists of 4 units:

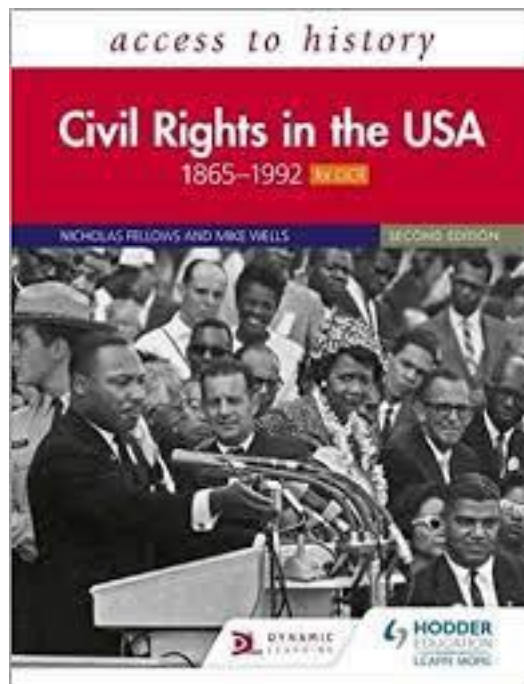
- Y105 England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII (25%)
- Y213 The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon 1774 – 1796 (15%)
- Y319 Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992 (40%)
- Y100 Topic Based Essay aka Coursework (20%)

In year 12 you will study the following:

- 3hr lesson Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992
- 2hr lesson England 1445-1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII

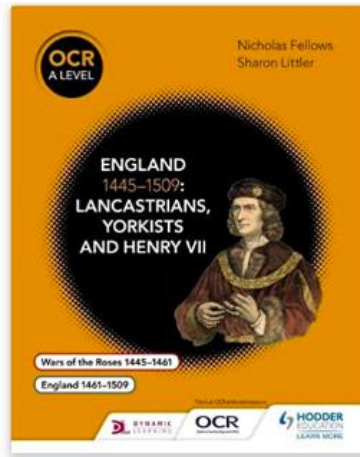
RESOURCES NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER

Access to History: Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992 (OCR Second Edition, 2019) https://www.amazon.co.uk/Access-History-Rights-1865-1992-Second/dp/1510457933/ref=sr_1_4?keywords=ocr+a+level+history+civil+rights+in+the+usa&qid=1655466193&prefix=ocr+a+level+history+civil+ri%2Caps%2C120&sr=8-4



OCR A Level History: England 1445–1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII Paperback – 31 July 2015

https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-Level-History-1445-1509-Lancastrians/dp/1471836681/ref=sr_1_1?crid=709IESG68VE1&keywords=ocr+history+a+level+war+of+the+roses&qid=1686897167&srefix=ocr+history+a+level+war+of+the+roses%2Caps%2C146&sr=8-1



- The above resources are requirements for your course and will need to be brought with you to every lesson.
- If, for any reason, you require financial help with the textbooks let us know and we may be able to support you.

WIDER READING AND HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

- Homework will be set weekly for both topics. It can range from pre-reading, set essays and worksheets to consolidate knowledge.
- Wider reading around the topics is expected of every student – you will be issued a journal in Miss Godmon’s class to track your wider reading progress.

ANY QUESTIONS? EMAIL bethanygodmon@universityofkentacademiustrust.org.uk

OCR A LEVEL HISTORY INDUCTION SUMMER WORK 2023

Below you will find your summer work, intended to help bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level. These activities will give you a flavour of what A Level History is and introduce you to the topics that you will be studying in Year 12.

Please bring your summer work with you to your first History lesson.

PART 1: AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS

Complete the Khan Academy online module entitled 'The American Civil Rights Movement'.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-history/postwarera/civil-rights-movement/a/introduction-to-the-civil-rights-movement>

This will give you an introduction into the key concepts and themes that you will be studying over the next year.

PART 2: THE WAR OF THE ROSES

Write an essay entitled:

“Richard III’s reputation as a cruel and unjust monarch is unfair.” How far do you agree with this view?

You should:

- Include facts about his successes and failures.
- Consider both sides of the argument.
- Reach a supported conclusion.

Whether you agree or disagree with the question is not relevant. What we will be looking for is the quality of your argument, the depth of your research, and the clarity of your answer.

You could just focus on his achievements and failures. The best answers to the question will compare Richard III to other famous monarchs to come to a conclusion as to whether he is wrongly stereotyped. You should consider what

constitutes a 'great' 15th century ruler before you start. Is it someone who helps the economy to flourish? Someone who looks after the rights and lives of their subjects? Someone who conquers and rules an empire?

This essay should be 1,500-2,000 words.

You should aim to cite two historians in your essay. No formal referencing necessary!

Recommended starting points:

- <https://www.warsoftheroses.com/>
- <https://www.historyextra.com/period/medieval/myths-facts-richard-iii-murder-princes-tower-shakespeare-york-leicester-car-park/>
- <https://richardiii.net/>