



Greyhound is a 2020 American war film starring Tom Hanks, who also wrote the screenplay. The film is based on the 1955 novel *The Good Shepherd* by C. S. Forester, and follows a US Navy commander on his first assignment commanding a multi-national escort destroyer group of four, defending an Allied convoy from U-boats during the Battle of the Atlantic. This is available on Apple TV. Excellent for showing the dangers faced by merchant seamen during the Second World War. As my great uncle was one of the many sailors who died I found this particularly poignant.

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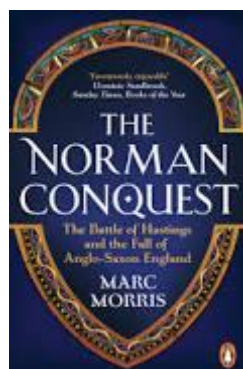
1066 A Year to Conquer England is a three-part drama documentary series. Dan Snow explores the political intrigues and family betrayals between Vikings, Anglo-Saxons and Normans that led to war and the Battle of Hastings. This will be excellent for year 7. There are 3 one-hour long programmes. These are on click view. Please look under History in the HTA library.

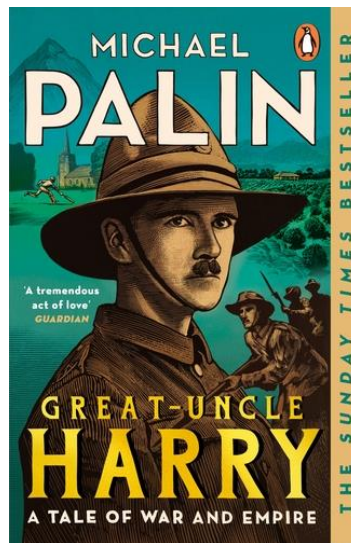
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Marc Morris discusses the long and bloody conquest of England that followed William's victory at the Battle of Hastings



We recommend the use of podcasts in History as a great way to find out about a wide range of topics. History Extra is one of our favourite podcasts. Those students in year 7 or older may be interested in a series of programmes by Marc Morris on 1066. Marc Morris is the author of many great History books which we would recommend for older readers.





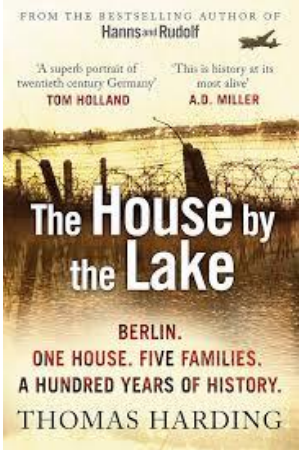
'I cannot remember the last time I read a book so immediately absorbing and affecting. Michael Palin has never been better - which is, of course, saying a great deal.' BILL BRYSON

A great read for any student. We study the First World War in year 8 and at GCSE as part of our study of the Historic Environment of the Western Front. This also links closely to our trip to the First World War battlefields.

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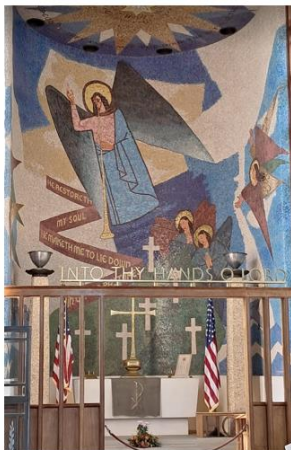
History recommends the TV series *A House Through Time*. There are 5 excellent series. I would recommend that year 11 watch series 5 as this is excellent for the GCSE Germany exam. I have attended a lecture given by David Olusoga about the research that went into this series, and it was fascinating!

	<p>For those who want to explore the History of Germany further by looking at the history of one building I would recommend this book. It tells the story of a house on a lake in Berlin and its changing ownership over a hundred-year period. This includes the period of the Nazi persecution of the Jews and the Cold War. The Berlin Wall was built through the garden of this property.</p>
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Year 11 are studying opposition to the Nazi regime. The Nazis ruled by terror and so often opposition and resistance is limited. Here Paddy Ashdown recounts true stories of those who were brave enough to defy Hitler, including the famous July 1944 bomb plot. I found this a fascinating read and would recommend to our older GCSE students.

The Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial site



I would like to recommend a visit to the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial. The site covers over 30 acres and was donated by the University of Cambridge. It lies on a slope with the west and south sides surrounded by woodland. The cemetery contains the remains of 3,811 American war dead; 5,127 names are recorded on the Walls of the Missing. Rosettes mark the names of those since recovered and identified. Most died in the Battle of the Atlantic or in the strategic air bombardment of northwest Europe. The cemetery was incredibly beautiful, and I found it a most moving place to visit.

There is a chapel, with two huge military maps, stained glass windows bearing the state seals and military decorations, and a mosaic ceiling memorial honouring the dead of the American air forces.

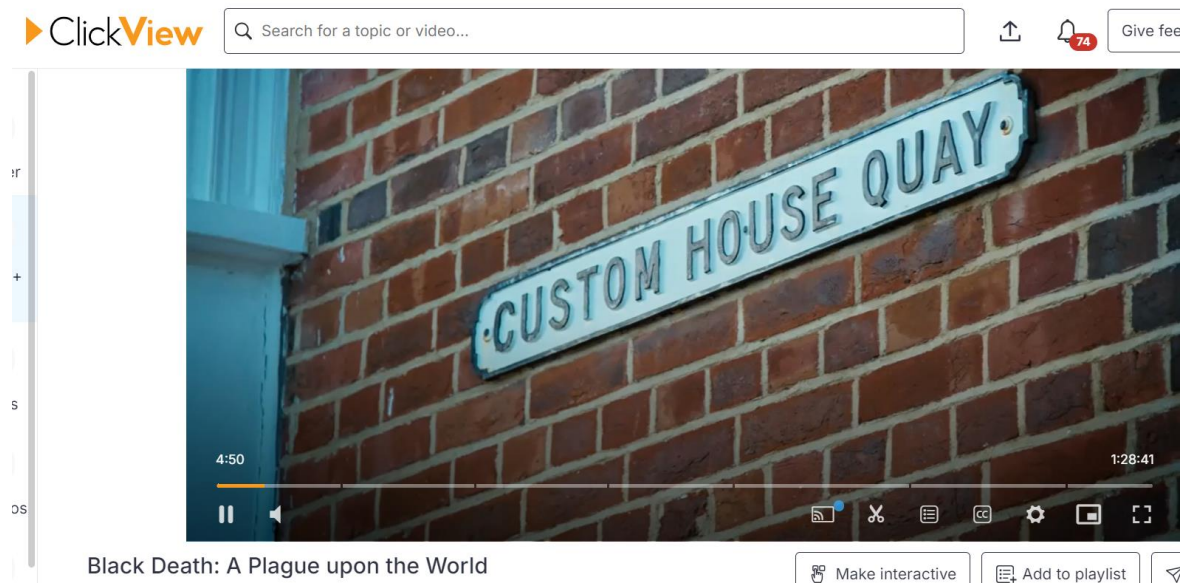
There is a 4,000-square-foot visitor centre. This tells personal stories,

through photographs, films, and interactive displays. I found this interesting as it helped me gain a better understanding of this campaign and how it contributed to the Allied victory in Europe during World War II.

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The Black Death: A Plague upon the world

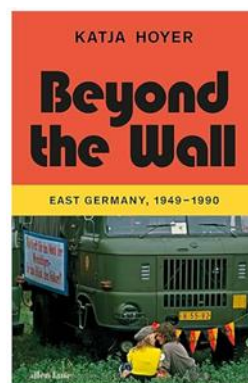
For year 7 students who want to find out more about the Black Death this is a really interesting programme.



A great Netflix documentary for those students in year 11 who are studying the Cold War. We study from 1942-1991. Eyewitness accounts make this a compelling watch.



History recommends A level students (and older students who are interested in the Tudors as Elizabeth I is a GCSE topic) watch *Wolf Hall* and its follow second series 'The Mirror and the Light' up which has started on BBC 1 on Sunday 10 November. The series is an adaption of the brilliant, prize winning novels by Hilary Mantell. The focus of the series is Thomas Cromwell. The new series starts with the aftermath of the death of Anne Boleyn. The series is available on iplayer and click view.



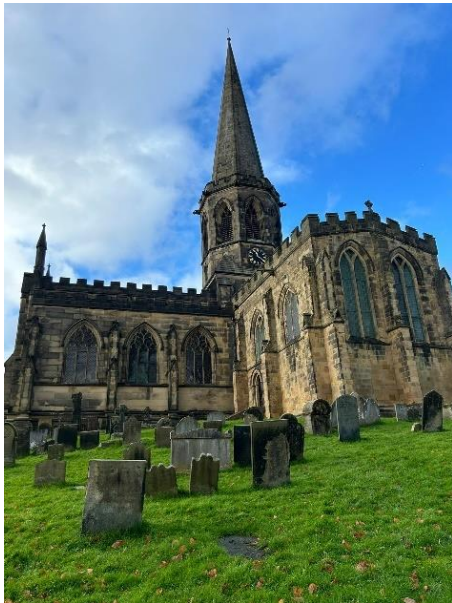
This is an excellent book for all of GCSE students but, for year 11 this is most relevant to our current studies. I have seen Katja Hoyer give lectures at the 'We have Ways' festival; she has also appeared on various podcasts. Her viewpoint is from that of someone who was born in the GDR, so she gives a voice to the German people who lived through the 40 years of communist rule. I found the examples of experiences of individuals fascinating. Hoyer argues that amid oppression and frequent hardship, East Germany was yet home to a rich political, social and cultural landscape, a place far more dynamic than the Cold War caricature often painted in the West.

'Utterly brilliant . . . Authoritative, lively and profoundly human, it is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand post-World War II Europe' Julia Boyd

'One of the best young historians writing in English today. . . Well-researched, well-written and profoundly insightful, *Beyond the Wall* explodes many of the lazy Western clichés about East Germany' Andrew Roberts

The village of Bakewell!

As well as being the birthplace of the Bakewell Tart and fantastic for scenic walks there are also loads of fantastic historic opportunities to go and see.



The All-Saints church that has served the community from Anglo-Saxon England all the way up to the present day is stunning. You can track the story of 1000 years through the walls and the stone with stunning stained-glass windows and amazing reconstructed parts of the church through history.

The railroad used to transport soldiers in WW1, and the still-standing bridges and now abandoned stations.



And along the route to Bakewell, there is Buxton, from which only a short walk away is "Solomons Temple" a civil war tower built atop a hill to overlook the lime kilns on the hillside.



Mr Godwin

History recommends that year 7 students who are studying the Wars of the Roses find out more about the Princes in the Tower by watching the following programmes.

Lucy Worsley investigates the Princes in the Tower. There are 3 programmes, on iplayer and clickview. Also available on clickview is 'The Princes in the Tower: A Damning Discovery'. In this programme actor Jason Watkins and historian Tracy Borman reveal a new discovery that puts forward a new view on the fate of the princes who vanished from the Tower.



The History department recommends a trip to the historic dockyards in Portsmouth. I have been to this amazing site 3 times! Each visit has lasted a full day and yet I still do not feel I have seen all that is available. Highlights for me this year was a VIP behind the scenes tour of the Mary Rose (especially useful for year 7 and A level) and a chance to see the Victory during the process of restoration. There is so much to see and do as the site has nine main attractions. I would recommend this museum needs at least two days in order to get the full experience.

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This is great for year 11 or for any student who struggles to remember key events and dates. Celebrities go through a series of challenges to see if they can improve their memories.

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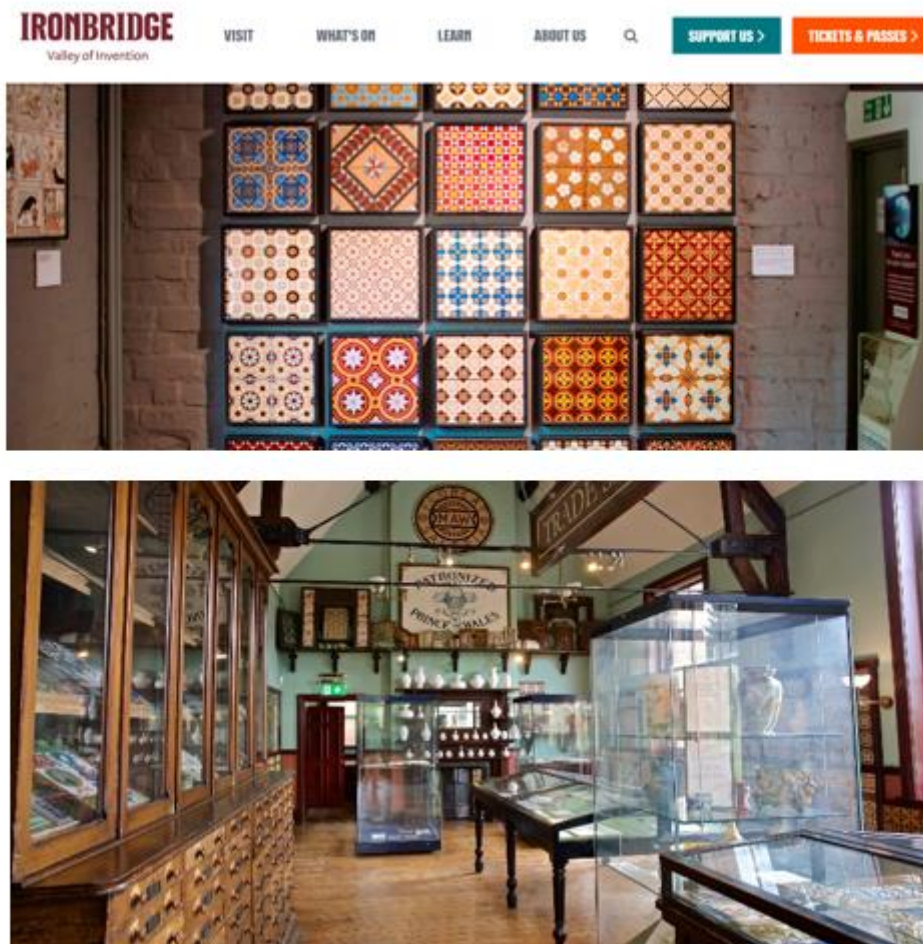
History recommends that year 11 listen to this excellent BBC podcast series- 'Tunnel 29'. It will be helpful for those studying the Cold War, and particularly the impact of the building of the Berlin Wall. The episodes are a short 20 minutes and give a fascinating insight into those who felt the need to escape from East Berlin.

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The History department recommends students at GCSE, especially those in year 10 listen to this podcast, it tells the story of Vesalius in grisly detail! Podcasts are an excellent way of students learning about a topic in depth.





I took the opportunity to see some of the most beautiful tiles in the world by visiting the Tile Museum in Jackfield. I really enjoyed my visit here as there was such a range of tiles to see. The site is a former tile factory, and I learnt how at Jackfield natural resources and amazing skills combined to create a 19th century creative hub. It was interesting to see that tiles made in Jackfield had been exported around the world. There were tiles on display from world-renowned artists like Salvador Dalí and William Morris.

The History department recommends a visit to Arundel Castle. I visited at the start of the spring season and witnessed the truly spectacular tulip displays in the castle grounds. The castle was built in 1067 and has many Norman features that are still intact such as the Norman Keep, medieval Gatehouse and Barbican. Between the 1870s and 1890s the house was almost completely rebuilt and the magnificent architecture in Gothic style is one of the great works of Victorian England. The main reason for my visit was because Arundel Castle has been the seat of the Dukes of Norfolk and their ancestors for over 850 years. From the 15th to the 17th centuries the Howards were at the forefront of English history, from the Wars of the Roses, through the Tudor

period to the Civil War. The 3rd Duke of Norfolk (1473-1554) was the uncle of Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard, both of whom became wives of King Henry VIII. The 4th Duke (1536-72) was beheaded for plotting to marry Mary Queen of Scots.



We recommend this programme to students in year 7 and A level students. Lucy Worsley investigates the reign of Mary Tudor, the first female monarch in British history. She looks to look at how Mary has been portrayed and asks if Mary was so 'bloody' after all. Perfect for those students doing the Mary assessment essay. The programme is in the History library in clickview and BBC iplayer.



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The History department recommends a visit to Shrewsbury prison. I did the guided tour and found it fascinating. We were taken around the prison by a prison officer who explained what life was like for prisoners, officers and visitors. The tour was full of detail and individual cases. This may be of particular interest to year 7 who are looking at Tudor crime and punishment.



This is an excellent podcast for those students studying GCSE Medicine. It discusses why, in the 1850s, was the excrement of thousands of people being deposited straight into the Thames? How lethal were Victorian London's cholera outbreaks? And why is Joseph Bazalgette one of the most heroic figures in London's history? This was an infamous pollution event caused by soaring temperatures and huge amounts of human waste. Our students should make the link to cholera which is one of our case studies. The focus here should be on the change Bazalgette made to the sewer system and the impact this had on the health of Londoners.

The History department recommends a visit to Butser Ancient Farm. This is an open-air experimental archaeology museum and active research centre in Hampshire. The farm includes a collection of buildings such as a Roman villa, Celtic village, Stone Age farm, and Saxon halls — all reconstructed from real UK archaeology! I went on a very stormy wet day and so the atmosphere was very smoky! I really enjoyed seeing how the buildings showed change over time.

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Event to explore town's role in Civil War- Wem 17-18 May



The History department recommends this event which will allow students to experience 17th Century England and learn about one town's role in the English Civil War. Wem 1643: A Seventeenth Century Weekend will be held at the Butler sports centre in Wem on 17 and 18 May. Organised by national re-enactment group Militias of Anglia, it will demonstrate military drills, crafts and skills from the time and activities for children. The focus, though, is the small town's "crucial" part in the Civil War.

The first of the three English Civil Wars began in 1642 and was fought between Charles I and Parliament. Year 7 have begun their study of this topic and have enjoyed meeting re-enactors in school.



There will be an authentic 17th Century encampment at the event

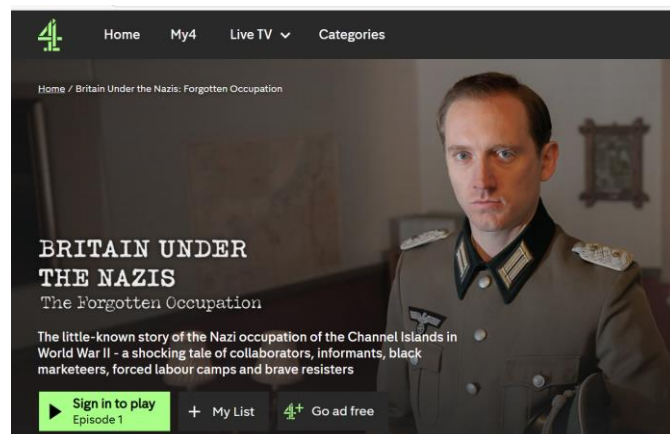
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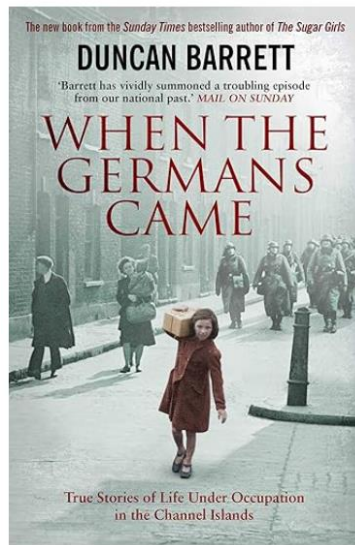
The History department recommends a trip to Oliver Cromwell's house in Ely. Cromwell lived in Ely from 1636 after inheriting property there. His house still stands and is one of the few places where he lived that survives. Cromwell is one of England's most remarkable historical figures. I listened to an audio guide which was very informative. There are a lot of interactive things for children with some costumes available for dressing up. I would recommend adding other local attractions to make a day of your time in Ely. Why not also visit the fantastic Ely cathedral or Cambridge? This is of great use to students in year 7 who are studying the English Civil War.

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I would recommend this new TV series on Channel 4 which looks at the life of the Channel islands under Nazi occupation.



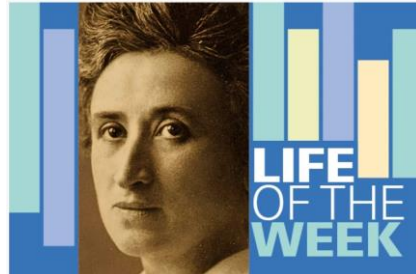


If you would like to find out more about the experiences of those who endured the occupation I would recommend this book. Please see the description below.

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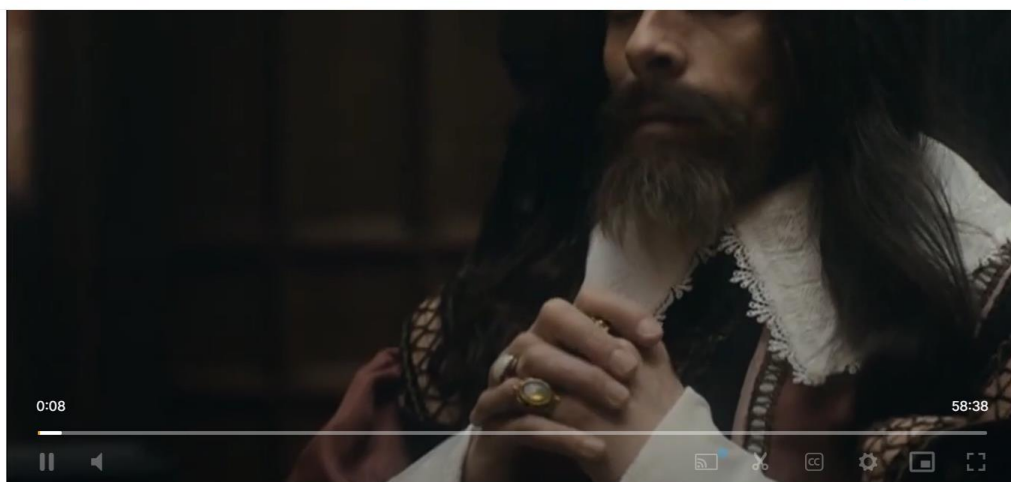
"This book tells the story of the Channel Islanders - the only British people to bear the full brunt of German Occupation. For five years, our nightmares became their everyday reality. The people of Guernsey, Jersey and Sark got to know the enemy as those on the mainland never could, watching in horror as their towns and villages were suddenly draped in Swastika flags, their cinemas began showing Nazi propaganda films, and Wehrmacht soldiers goose-stepped down their high streets.

Those who resisted the regime, such as the brave men and women who set up underground newspapers or sheltered slave labourers, encountered the full force of Nazi brutality. But in the main, the Channel Islands occupation was a 'model' one, a prototype for how the Fuhrer planned to run mainland Britain. As a result, the stories of the islanders are not all misery and terror. Many, in fact are rather funny - tales of plucky individuals trying to get by in almost impossible circumstances and keeping their spirits up however they could. Unlike their compatriots on the mainland, the islanders had no Blitz to contend with, but they met the thousand other challenges the war brought with a similar indomitable spirit. The story of the Channel Islands during the war is the history that could so nearly have come to pass for the rest of us. Based on interviews with over a hundred islanders who lived through it, this book tells that story from beginning to end, opening the lid on life in Hitler's British Isles. "



History extra is an excellent site for a range of interesting podcasts. Each week a 'life of the week' is launched. GCSE students should consider listening to the life of Rosa Luxemburg. She was a committed Marxist revolutionary and a fervent advocate of internationalism, Luxemburg believed that true freedom lay beyond 'bourgeois democracy'. Rosa was Polish and had a rebellious youth. She moved to Germany and was strong in her opposition to the First World War, which meant she spent years in prison. She was to play a key role in the Spartacist uprising in Germany after the First World War which led to her brutal execution in 1919. This is excellent for our Weimar and Nazi Germany course. Students who do the best at GCSE read and learn above and beyond what is in the textbooks.

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Charles I: Killing a King - Series 01, Episode 02

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For year 7 students who are studying the English Civil War this is an excellent programme that focuses on the trial and execution of Charles I. We learn how parliament raced to build a bulletproof case of treason against King Charles I, as he prepared an unexpected defence that will decide the fate of a nation!

The History department would recommend a trip to the Chalke History Festival. This is a vast history festival for all the family. There are talks from top historians and living history experts. It covers a wide range of historical events. The setting is beautiful. I really enjoyed my visit here as I was able to experience such a range of different time periods.



The speaker line-up this year includes former White House Communications Director Anthony Scaramucci, social media sensation and historian Alice Loxton, co-host of the hugely popular podcast The Rest is History and bestselling author Tom Holland, historian and TV presenter Helen Castor, the Milbank Family Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution (Stanford) and author Niall Ferguson, international bestselling writer Kate Mosse, broadcaster, curator, critic and author William Dalrymple, the UK's

top-selling true crime writer Kate Summerscale, and British designer, writer and Grand Designs presenter Kevin McCloud.

