

Year 11 Summer Work

Tasks;

1. You could use this time to research a time period that we haven't had time to look at in school. I love learning about the Romans and the Cold War. Below is a list of websites that you could use to research a topic that you are interesting in.
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/>
 - <https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/>
2. You could enter the Historical Association's 'Historical Fiction Competition'. All you need to do is write a story that is set in ANY period or place in the past. The deadline is *Friday 26th June*. See here for more details.... <https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/categories/531/news/3451/write-your-own-historical-fiction-competition-2020>
3. Or you could enter the Schools History Projects 'Essay Competition'. They are asking for an essay (max. 800 words) answering the question, '*If 1066 is said to be the most important date in English history, what is the equivalent in another country?*' You could either apply a country you have already studied, or use the reading, podcast and documentary list to learn about a new country! The deadline is *25th May*. See here for more details... <http://www.schoolshistoryproject.co.uk/schools-history-project-essay-competition-in-association-with-professor-peter-frankopan-and-no-more-marking/>

I'd love to read your submissions so feel free to get in touch if you want any ideas etc.

Podcasts;

I love listening to these podcasts. There is a real variety of topics here and well worth a listen!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07mdbhg/episodes/downloads>

Films;

There are some excellent films on Netflix, Amazon Prime and also BBC iPlayer. Here are some of my favourites;

- Cabaret (1972) – gives a good sense of culture during the Weimar Republic.
- Hitler: The Rise of Evil (2003) – chronology about Hitler's rise to power, particularly between 1929-1933.
- Sophie Scholl-The Final Days (2005) –youth resistance group 'the White Rose'.
- Schindler's List (1993) –documenting the persecution of the Jews.
- Conspiracy (2001) – how the Final Solution came about i.e. the Wannsee Conference (1942).
- Valkyrie (2008) – the July Bomb plot.
- Downfall (2004) – gives an idea of the different spheres of influence within Nazi Germany.
- Good (2008) – gives an idea of Nazi persecution and attitude towards the elderly etc.
- The Pianist (2002) – shows the journey of Jewish persecution in Poland.
- Defiance (2008) – gives an idea of Jewish resistance during the war.

Books;

Although not specifically history based, I'm a big fan of the 'Noughts and Crosses' series by Malorie Blackman but if you're after something more historically based then you could have a look at one of these;

- Things Fall Apart, *Chinua Achebe*, (1958).
- When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit, *Judith Kerr*, (1971).
- The Tattooist of Auschwitz, *Heather Morris*, (2018).
- The Help, *Kathryn Stockett*, (2009).
- The Book Thief, *Markus Zusak*, (2005).