

Summer Work Year 11 into 12

Name of Subject: History

Summary of the course:

Exam Board: AQA

Course Title: Unit 1C - The Tudors: England 1485 - 1603 and Unit 2Q - The American Dream Reality or Illusion 1945 - 1980

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What should I get in preparation for September?

2 folders A4 lever arch folders (not ring binders - they are too small)
Dividers for each folder
Plastic wallets
Highlighters

If you can, purchase this: [Revision guide for the American dream £10 ish](#) and this - [revision guide Tudors](#)

How will this be assessed in September?

Tudor- I will assess your essay on Henry VII. Your focus should be on the quality of your research and how you communicate your answer. Please read through the Tudor sections to see what I would like you to do. Mrs Brake.

America - I will assess your essay on Truman to see the quality of your research and written communication. I will provide further guidance on this in the 'do it' section. Miss Roberts

Read it: Tudor:



How successful was Henry VII in securing his position from 1485? <https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/tudor-england/securing-the-throne/America>

Read about the problems President Harry S Truman Faced when he became president <https://www.trumanlibrary.gov/education/presidential-inquiries/trumans-legacy-breakout-box-activity>

Watch it:



Tudor: A brief 'film' from Professor Gunn, who considers how Henry established his dynasty-

<https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/9802/film-henry-vii-and-tudor-royal-authority>

America

Watch this about the bombing of Japan - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTBMWLQun4w>

Do it:



Tudor:

I will assess this work. Your question is- 'How successful was Henry VII in securing his position as king from 1485?'

You need to focus on what were the potential problems for Henry as king and what action he took to deal with these. This means looking at his immediate priorities.

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Please consider the following in your answer:

- How Henry VII had 'won' the throne at the Battle of Bosworth, 1485?- consider the victory at Bosworth and what Henry's claim was like.
- What were Henry's priorities in 1485? -Henry has a weak claim and many enemies- what does he need to do?
- What did he do to immediately secure his position? -consider when he dates his reign, marriage to Elizabeth of York and Parliament's role.
- How well did Henry deal with key threats?- e.g. what does he do to the remaining Yorkists?
- How did Henry reward his supporters?- why was this important?

The factors above are the basis for your paragraphs. The reading and video will give you lots of information. You may want to do further research. Length should be about 2 A4 pages.

America:

I will assess this piece. Your question is -

'How serious were the problems faced by President Harry S Truman in 1945?'

You will need to consider the following areas in reaching a conclusion to the question. This question is asking you to consider the strengths and weaknesses of America in April 1945 and what problems the weaknesses would cause the new president. You should research the following areas:

- Impact of the war against Japan in 1945 – were American winning this? How tough had it been (Pearl Harbour/ war in the pacific/ treatment of prisoners of war)?
- Impact of the war in Europe – America's role in liberating Europe (D-Day etc...), what state was Europe in by April 1945?
- The American economy – had it benefited from WW2 or was it still in Depression?
- Social divisions – rich V poor, black V white etc...

Those are the 4 paragraphs. I want to see the inclusion of specific dates as well as specific supporting information. You should get some of this from the video you watched and the reading you did. I suggest that your answer is no more than 2 A4 pages in length. You might want to do additional research.



(Optional) Stretch it:

Tudor: An excellent podcast:

<https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts/categories/432/podcast/168/henry-vii-legitimizing-his-throne>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBpSRQ6wVPU> Video that accompanies a book-

The Winter King by Thomas Penn.