

GCSE to Further Education

A Level History

Task 1

Research the following topics:

- How was England governed in 1500? Research the role of the monarch, Parliament, the nobility and the Church.
- Living conditions for people in England in 1500. How large was the population? What were houses like? What jobs did people do? How was life different for rich and poor?
- Religion in 1500. How was the Church organised? How popular was the Catholic Church c. 1500AD? What did people believe and do?
- The Wars of the Roses. When did it happen? Who was involved? What happened? Why did it happen? What were the consequences?

Submission Details

Paragraph answers to each of the above.

Task 2

Read one of the following books

- The White Princess by Philippa Gregory
- VIII by Harriet Castor
- Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel (its sequel is Bring up the Bodies)
- Dissolution by C.J. Sansom
- The King's Curse by Philippa Gregory
- The Man on a Donkey by H.F.M. Prescott

Submission Details

A one side book review.

Task 3 The American Revolution

Your enquiry into the American Revolution will help you understand why revolutions happen and why they can sometimes succeed. Research the following topics and write at least a detailed paragraph on each section.

1. Why did the Americans revolt against British rule by 1776?
2. Why were the Americans able to defeat the British by 1783? What role did France play in this victory?
3. How did the American Revolution affect France (consider finance, politics and new ideas)

Task 4: The powers of the French King

We will see that Louis XVI was a very unsuccessful king, but part of the problem is that he was trying to work within a system of being an absolute monarch - created by his great, great grandfather, Louis XIV - The Sun King

Watch this video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5Njdd6R6d0> and read <https://www.history.com/topics/louis-xiv>

1. Why is King Louis XIV remembered as an important French King? _
2. Why were Louis' early years very difficult? _
3. How did Louis rule France after 1661?
4. Why is the building of the Palace of Versailles important?
5. In 1665, Louis revoked (ended) the Edict of Nantes' What was this and why was it seen as a mistake?