**Reading list**

As A Level History Students you should be widely read. The list below is a suggestion of what you could delve into. These can be acquired through your local library or alternatively from Amazon for 1p (only delivery charge required.)

Try to gain an overarching understanding first by reading an overview from one of the Easy starters then advance into something harder. NONE OF THESE SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE TEXTBOOKS GIVEN TO YOU!

\*available from Mr Gisby’s personal library.

# **International Relations 1890- 1945**

## Easy Starters

*Hastings, Max* Catastrophe: Europe goes to War 1914\*

*Sheffield, Gary* Forgotten Victory; The First World War, Myths and Realities

*Macmillan, Margaret* Peacemakers: Six months that changed the world\*

*Overy, Richard* The Road to War: The Origins of WW2

## More Advanced

*Clark, Christopher* The Sleepwalkers: How Europe went to War in 1914\*

*Pederson, Susan* The Guardians: The League of Nations and the Crisis of Empire

*Taylor, A.J.P* The Origins of the Second World War\*

# **Britain 1930- 1997**

## Easy Starters

*Heywood, Samantha* Churchill (A must read for the Churchill Unit)\*

*Keegan, John* Churchill’s Generals\*

*Lynch Michael*, Access to History: Britain 1951- 2007 (This is an easy overview)

*Heywood, Andrew* Essentials of UK Politics (An understanding of how politics works is vital to this course and for your responsibility as a future voter!)

## More Advanced

Biographies of any UK Prime Minister (particularly Harold Macmillan, Harold Wilson, Margaret Thatcher) \*

*Marr, Andrew* History of Modern Britain\*

*Morgan K*, Britain since 1945: The Peoples Peace

*Childs, David* Britain since 1945

*Vienen, Richard* Thatcher’s Britain, The Politics and Social Upheaval of the 1980s

*Reynolds David*, Britannia Overruled, British Policy and World Power in the 20th Century

# **Changing Nature of Warfare**

Changing Nature of Warfare does not have a set book. You should read a book about the various wars we will study to gain an overview of the chronology and gain an understanding of some of the key issues. As we move through the themes you can start to pick up examples that you can use in essays.

## Revolutionary Wars 1789-1802

*Fremont-Barnes, Gregory* The French Revolutionary Wars (Essential Histories)

## Napoleonic Wars 1802-1815

*Rapport, M* Napoleonic Wars: A Very Short Introduction\*

*Cornwell, Bernard* Waterloo: The History of Four Days, Three Armies and Three Battles\*

## Crimean War 1854-1856

*Sweetman, John* The Crimean War 1854- 1856 (Essential Histories)

## American Civil War 1861-1865

*McPherson, James* Battle Cry for Freedom

*Keegan, John* American Civil War

## Wars of Unification 1866-1871

*Wawro, Geoffrey*, The Austro-Prussian War: Austria’s War with Prussia and Italy in 1866\*

*Badsey, Stephen* The Franco-Prussian War 1870-1871 (Essential Histories)

## Russo-Japanese War 1904- 1905

*Jukes, Geoffrey* Russo-Japanese War 1904-1905 (Essential Histories) \*

## First World War 1914- 1918

*Sheffield, Gary* Forgotten Victory; The First World War, Myths and Realities

*Griffith, Paddy* Battle Tactics of the Western Front

## Second World War 1939-1945

*Hastings, Max* All Hell Let Loose: The World at War 1939-1945\*

## Across the period

*Keegan, John* A History of Warfare\*

*Urban, Mark* Generals: Ten British Commanders who Shaped the World

**Watching list**

As A Level History Students you should be widely read. For some this is a challenge and watching documentaries are a good alternative. Indeed, even if you have read a lot, watching a documentary will help you gain a deeper understanding and bring history to life.

All of the below are available on Youtube or from Mr Gisby’s personal collection.

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# **International Relations 1890- 1945**

National Geographic Documentary: World War 1 Ep 1- Catastrophe

The Necessary War (WW1 Documentary) Max Hastings

World War One in Colour Episodes 1-7\*

World War Two in Colour Episodes 1-10

People’s Century- 1919: Lost Peace (Interwar Period/ League of Nations)

World War Two- Germany- Road to War

World War Two in Colour Episodes 1-10

World at War Episodes 1-10

# **Britain 1930- 1997**

The Abdication Crisis: A Very British Coup

Churchill: (4 part BBC series, episodes listed below)

*1. Renegade and Turncoat,*

*2. To Conquer or to Die*

*3. The beginning of the End*

*4. Never Despair*

Secrets of Leadership: Churchill

Churchill: The Forgotten Years, 1945-1965

Andrew Marr’s The Making of Modern Britain.

Margaret Thatcher The Downing Street Years Parts 1-4

The Poisoned Chalice Parts 1-4

The Major Years (BBC documentary)

# **Changing Nature of Warfare**

## Revolutionary Wars 1789-1802

BBC Documentary 2015: The French Revolution History Channel

## Napoleonic Wars 1802-1815

BBC Documentary on Napoleon

Napoleon Bonaparte: The Conquerors of Europe

## Crimean War 1854-1856

The Crimean War Episode 1 The Reason Why

The Crimean War Episode 2 The Valley of Death

The Crimean War Episode 3 War and Peace

Crimean War 1853-1856 [UKTC History]

## American Civil War 1861-1865

The Civil War Ken Burns (PBS Documentary)

## Wars of Unification 1866-1871

Franco-Prussian War 2007 Narrated by Bob Sessions

## Russo-Japanese War 1904- 1905

## First World War 1914- 1918

National Geographic Documentary: World War 1 Ep 1- Catastrophe

The Necessary War (WW1 Documentary) Max Hastings

World War One in Colour Episodes 1-7\*

## Second World War 1939-1945

World War Two in Colour Episodes 1-10

World at War Episodes 1-10

## Across the period

War and Civilisation- Episode 6: Blood and Iron

War and Civilisation- Episode 7 War Machines