

A Level History at Plymouth High School



Yr11 into Yr12 summer transition task:

Students who are taking History at A Level will study two modules and complete a piece of Coursework which will be independently researched, planned and written (the NEA).

The coursework must cover a 100 year period and have a clear historical debate at the heart of it. We have selected the following five topics that fit well with these parameters.

- The Tudor Rebellions between 1483 and 1588
- The European Witch Craze of 1550 to 1650
- The Causes of the American Revolution 1688-1785
- The Causes of the French Revolution 1685-1789
- The Abolition of the Slave Trade 1750-1833

We would like you to focus on one of these topics that you think you would be most interested in writing about (although you can change your mind later on). We would like you to carry out some research and produce a folder/portfolio of work that could include some the following...

- 1) A timeline of the key events of the period – this could be very basic or it might have specific detail about what these events were
- 2) Profiles of key individuals
- 3) Key themes (Political, Social, Economic, Religious, Foreign relations) that you believe are important to the period
- 4) A list of useful books, websites, articles that you have used (or could use for further reading – it is worth keeping a short reading record of anything you have looked at for reference later)
- 5) Any examples of contemporary sources that relate to the topic – this could be pieces of artwork, poems, letters, diaries, speeches or anything else from the time period.

It's worth remembering that there is no expectation that you have examples of everything from the list above but the more you do the more helpful it is likely to be in both your preparation for the coursework but also in helping you to get into the mindset of A Level study.