

Preparing for Higher History



At Higher level, we explore some crucial events in History and consider the impact they've had on the direction of society. You will find the arguments challenging, the stories compelling and the results complex!

Below is a list of books, films, websites, documentaries and podcasts that you can visit to get a flavour of Higher History or just deepen your knowledge and interest in history. You definitely do not have to do them all - have a look and pick what interests you. Feel free to get in touch to discuss what you've found out, even share some ideas with your peers!



What can I read?

Fiction

The Pharmacist of Auschwitz: The Untold Story
Patricia Posner

The Death of Democracy: Hitler's Rise to Power
Benjamin Carter Hett

The Book Thief - Markus Zusak

The Tattooist of Auschwitz Heather Morrison

Not related directly to Higher course but both great reads:

The Underground Railroad Colson Whitehead

To Kill A Mockingbird Harper Lee

The Help Kathryn Stockett

Non-Fiction

Divided City Theresa Breslin

Fatherland Robert Harris

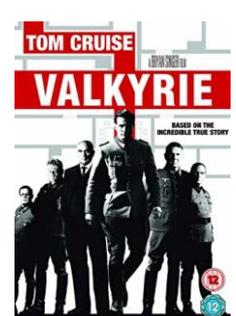
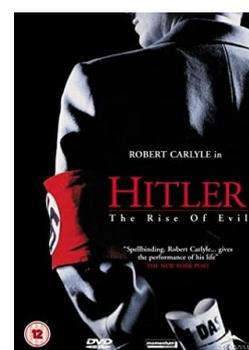
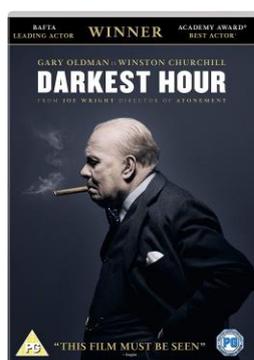
Things a Bright Girl Can Do Sally Nicholls

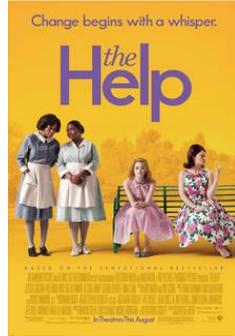
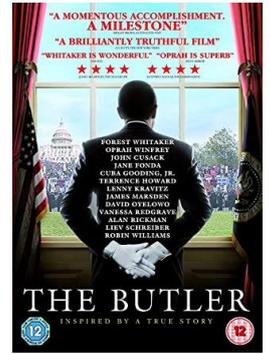
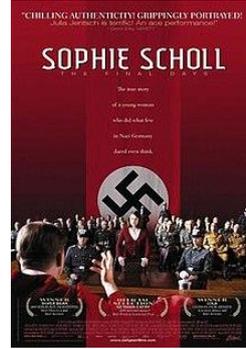
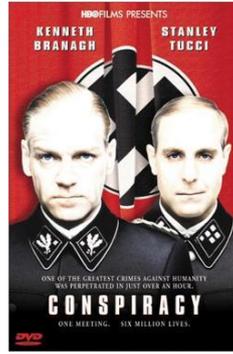
A Child Of Hitler: Germany in the Days of When God wore a Swastika Alfons Heck

Dear Francesca Mary Contini - the biography of Italian immigrants to Scotland (with lots of great recipes too)

What films can I watch?

Many of these are related to events we will study during the Higher History course. Others are just excellent films to deepen your knowledge of historical events - watch at your leisure!





What can I listen to?

There are a huge amount of History related podcasts - try these out when you are off on your daily hour of exercise or find your own and share with us.

- Revolutions* - a great account of key moments in History
- Revisionist History*- twists on common misconceptions in History!
- Slow Burn*- A fantastic insight into key trials in History like Watergate and Richard Nixon.
- You're Dead to Me*- Everything from the Mongols to Nazi Germany!
- This podcast will kill you* - all about diseases through History from the Plague right up to COVID-19!
- Dan Snow's History Hit* - accessible podcasts on a range of History topics.

What documentaries can I watch?

BBC Back in Time For...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000frl4/back-in-time-for-the-corner-shop-series-1-1-victorian>

Secrets of a Suffragette <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llknRGKCKZo>

Sword, Musket & Machine Gun

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b088sznj/sword-musket-machine-gun-britains-armed-history-3-rapid-fire>

Lost Home Movies of Nazi Germany

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000crdf/lost-home-movies-of-nazi-germany-series-1-episode-1>

The Flu that Killed 50 Million

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0blmn5l/the-flu-that-killed-50-million>

Operation Gold Rush: *Three episodes in a series re-enacting the footsteps of the emigrants who went to Canada in search of gold in the 1800s*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b083gtp6/operation-gold-rush-with-dan-snow-series-1-3-digging-for-gold>

Finally...useful websites

BBC iWonder Did the Suffragettes win women the vote? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/did-the-suffragettes-win-women-the-vote/z7736v4>

Women's suffrage 10 reasons why men opposed votes for women <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-43740033>

Labour's NHS <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-44560590>

BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons: Weimar Germany <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvndwty>

Life in Nazi Germany <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpq9p39/revision/1>

Life of Irish in Scotland

<http://www.sath.org.uk/edscot/www.educationscotland.gov.uk/higherscottishhistory/migrationandemigration/experienceofimmigrants/irish.html>

Holocaust Educational Trust www.het.org.uk