**History Reading List**

**Learning focus:**

Year 7:

* William the Conqueror
* Norman England
* Medieval Life in villages and towns
* Black Death

Year 8:

* Tudor and Stuarts
* Revolutions
* Slavery from 1600s to the late 1800s
* Late Victorian England

Year 9:

* Great war
* Suffrage and votes for Women
* Cause of WW2
* Controversy: Blitz, Dresden, Hiroshima
* Cold War, including Vietnam

We’d like students to enjoy reading history for leisure. Horrible Histories has filled a recent gap by bringing back the exciting and often strange events in history back to life.

So, on the following pages you’ll find a list of books that we hope you’ll enjoy.

Choose one to read over the summer. Choose one to review – maybe one not from this list – bring it to school and you’ll be rewarded.

Many thanks.

History Dept

**Normans:**

The Norman King by Jean Plaidy

The Splintered Kingdom by Jams Aitcheson

**Middle Ages:**

ArthurL The Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley-Holland

*Red Towers over Granada* by Geoffrey Trease

*Castle Diary* by Richard Platt

The Physician by Noah Gordon

**Crusades:**

Crusade by Elizabeth Laird

**The Black Death:**

Doomsday Book by Connie Willis

**Peasants’ Revolt:**

Now is the Time by Melvyn Bragg

*Fire, Bed and Bone* by Henrietta Branford

Katherine *by Anya Seton,*

**Tudors:**

The Woolpack *by Cynthia Harnett*

*Eliza Rose* by Lucy Worsley

*Voices: Diver’s Daughter: A Tudor Story* by Patrice Lawrence

*A Traveller in Time* by Alison Uttley

*King of Shadows* by Susan Cooper

Cue for Treason *by Geoffrey Trease*

*CJ Sansom’s historical detective Shardlake*

*The Sunne in Splendour by Sharon Kay Penman*

*Was of the Roses series by Conn Iggulden*

*Spy for the Queen of Scots by Theresa Breslin*

**Civil War:**

*A Skinful of Shadows* by Frances Hardinge

*Witch Child* by Celia Rees

Simon *by Rosemary Sutcliff*

*Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier*

**French revolution:**

Birdcage Walk by Helen Dunmore

*Blade and Bone* by Catherine Johnson

**Slavery:**

*Freedom* by Catherine Johnson

*Long Journey Home* by Julius Lester

*Passing for White* by Tanya Landman

The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

**Russian Revolution:**

Sashenka *by Simon Sebag Montifiore*

*Rasputin Dagger by Theresa Breslin*

**America:**

1927 by Bill Bryson

**WWI:**

*Medal for Leroy* by Michal Morpurgo

Poppy by Mary Hooper

The Things We did for Love by Natasha Farrant

Remembrance by Theresa Breslin

**WWII:**

Crooked Heart by Lisa Evans

**Spanish Civil War:**

The Return by Victorian Hislop

**Nazi Germany:**

The Book Thief

The Silver Sword *by Ian Serraillier*

*All the Light we Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

The Berlin Boxing Club by Robert Sharenow

**Holocaust:**

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

The Earth is Singing by Vanessa Curtis

**Cold War:**

The Historian by Elizabeth Kostova

**Civil Rights:**

Zora and Me by Victorian Bond and T.R. Simon

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

The Hypnotist by Laurence Anholt

**Vietnam:**

The Sympathizer – Viet Thanh Nguyen

The Sorrow of War – Bao Ninh

Inside Out And Back Again by Thanhha Lai

**Medicine:**

The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands

**Possible others:**

Dan Brown’s The Da Vinci Code, Angels and Demons, Inferno, and The Lost Symbol.