

HISTORY A Level Bridging Work



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The History A-level course covers:

- Germany 1918-1989 (so from the end of WWI, the rise of Hitler, Nazi Germany and West Germany after WWII)
- Spain, 1931-78 (they had a civil war and then a dictator called Franco ruled Spain until he died)
- Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399-1509 (this covers England during a very turbulent period of History that included the Wars of the Roses up to the first Tudor monarch)
- Coursework of your choice

We will be covering Germany and Spain in Year 12 and the Wars of the Roses and coursework from the end of Year 12 into Year 13.

Attached is a list with suggestions of things that you can read, watch and listen to in order to help give you an introduction to these topics. The list is not exhaustive, there are loads more books and documentaries that you can read/watch that you can look out for on iPlayer etc.

Task 1

As preparation for the course, over the next few months, it would be good if you could read/watch/listen to at least 3 of the suggestions (one from each of the 3 topics above) and choose one other topic of your choice from the Historical Association website.

Please then write an A4 page review for each.

This should include: what you enjoyed and found interesting, what you learnt from it (if it's fictional, see if you can find out how accurate it is), any questions you have, and whether or not you'd recommend it and your reasons.

Please email these to me as you do them and then I can share people's recommendations with others on the course. My email address is RDowland@nailseaschool.com

Summer Reading/Viewing List

Films/TV series

Germany

Sophie Scholl – a moving German film about a student who worked in the resistance against Hitler.

Downfall – a German film about Hitler's last few days.

Schindler's List – Stephen Spielberg's acclaimed film about the Holocaust.

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - (also a novel) a film about the Holocaust.

The Reader – based on a novel by Bernhard Schlink – excellent on where responsibility for the Holocaust lies and how Germany deals with the guilt of the Holocaust

Goodbye Lenin – a comedy about life in Germany after the Berlin wall has come down

The Lives of Others – a thriller about life in East Berlin

Deutschland '83 – a recent TV series (on 4OD) about an East German who goes undercover in West Germany

Alone in Berlin - a film released last year. It is based on a novel by Hans Fallada and is about resistance against the Nazis

Line of Separation – Currently on 4OD, a fictional TV series about post-war Germany.

Heimat – currently on Sky/Now TV Follows the Simon family as disruption comes to their quiet part of Germany in jackboots and SS flashes.

Spain

Land and Freedom – a fictional film about a British man who goes and fights in the Spanish Civil War.

Pan's Labyrinth – a Spanish fantasy film set at the time of the Spanish Civil War.

The Silence of Others – A newly released documentary film about the legacy of Franco's Spain

Wars of the Roses

The White Queen – A TV series based on the Philippa Gregory series of books about the Wars of the Roses

Novels

Spain

Winter in Madrid, C.J. Sansom – A recent novel about a British Secret Service agent sent to Franco's Spain.

Shadow of the Wind, Carlos Ruiz Zafón - an atmospheric thriller set in Barcelona in 1945.

Homage to Catalonia, George Orwell – Orwell's account of his experiences fighting in the Spanish Civil War.

Guernica, Dave Boling - a novel about the victims of the atrocity in Guernica (a city in Northern Spain, carpet bombed by the Nazis in the Spanish Civil war)

For Whom the Bell Tolls, Ernest Hemmingway - a novel about an American volunteer in the Spanish Civil War, based on Hemmingway's experiences. He reported on and made documentary films about the conflict.

To War in Spain, Laurie Lee –Laurie Lee's memoirs of his experiences in the Spanish Civil War.

Germany

A Woman in Berlin, Anonymous – a deeply moving diary of a German woman's experiences of fighting for survival in the last few months of the Third Reich.

The Book Thief, Markus Zusak – a novel written from the point of view of a girl living in Berlin in the 1930s

Schindler's Ark, Thomas Keneally - the book that Schindler's List is based on

Alone in Berlin, Hans Fallada - the gripping tale of an ordinary man's determination to defy the tyranny of Nazi rule.

Iron Gustav, Hans Fallada – A powerful story of the shattering effects of the First World War on both a family and on Germany

Metropolis, Philip Kerr – A whodunit set in 1928 Berlin as the Nazis rise to power.

Wars of the Roses

A Daughter of Time, Josephine Tey – A detective-style novel about Richard III and the Princes in the Tower

The Lady of the Rivers, *The White Queen* and *The Red Queen* by Philippa Gregory – Novels based on the Wars of the Roses, told through the lives of some of the key women.

Shakespeare – all the Henrys! Also Richard II and Richard III – The BBC have done a good series of some of these plays called *The Hollow Crown*

Non-fiction

We are members of the Historical Association which you can access from home. Use this username and password to access the HA website. www.history.org.uk

Student Username: 59316

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There are loads of articles and podcasts on here that will be useful for your coursework, extra/introductory reading for the course and wider history knowledge.

In particular there is this podcast series on Germany. <https://www.history.org.uk/student/module/4373/podcast-series-german-history-1918-1948> and this one on Spain <https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts/categories/438/podcast/559/the-origins-of-the-spanish-civil-war>

Also check out *Tunnel 29* podcast on iplayer about people escaping from East to West Germany.

Non-fiction books

Germany

Bell, P.M.H., *The Origins of the Second World War in Europe*, Pearson Education Limited (2007)

Carr, W., *A History of Germany 1815-1990*, Hodder Arnold (1991)

Fulbrook, M., *A Concise History of Germany*, Cambridge University Press (2004)

Hallett, G., *The Social Market Economy of West Germany*, Macmillan (1973)

Hidden, J., *The Weimar Republic*, Seminar Studies in History, Longman (1996)

Kershaw, I. (he's written loads on Nazi Germany including *The Hitler Myth*, *The End: Hitler's Germany 1944-45*)

Kitchen, M., *A History of Modern Germany: 1800 to the Present*, Wiley-Blackwell (2011)

Lang, S., and Kinloch, N. *Nazi Foreign Policy, 1933-39*, Philip Allan (2009)

Lee, S.J. *The Weimar Republic, Questions and Analysis in History*, Routledge (2009)

Lee, S.J., *Hitler and Nazi Germany*, Routledge (2009)

Nicholls, D., *Adolf Hitler: a Biographical Companion*, ABC-CLIO (2000)

Overy, R., *The Origins of the Second World War*, Routledge (2008)

Peukert, D.J.K., *Inside Nazi Germany*, Penguin (1993)

Williamson, D., *Germany: From Defeat to Partition 1945-63*, Routledge (2001)

Spain

Beevor, A., *The Battle for Spain: The Spanish Civil War 1936-39*, Phoenix (2006) a big book which provides some background on the Spanish Civil War and a detailed summary of the key events by a high-profile military historian.

Beevor, A., 'The Spanish civil war: men of la Mancha', in *The Economist*, 22 June 2006 – in this article, Beevor focuses specifically on the various atrocities and 'terror' inflicted by both sides of this brutal civil war.

Carr, R., *Spain: 1808-1939*, Clarendon Press (1966) covers the development of the Spanish nation up to the end of the Civil War.

Joll, J., *Europe since 1870: An international History*, Penguin (1990) provides some informative and interesting coverage of events in Spain

Payne, S.G. *Spain's First Democracy: The Second Republic, 1931-1936*, University of Wisconsin Press (2003) provides some detailed and informative coverage of how Spain adjusted to democratic rule under the Second Republic

Payne, S.G., *The Collapse of the Spanish Republic: 1933-1936: Origins of the Civil War*, Yale University Press (2006) focuses on the gradual collapse of the Spanish Republic and the outbreak of the civil war in Spain.

Preston, P. *Franco: A Biography*, Fontana (1995) is a comprehensive biography of this iconic and dominant Spanish leader by a specialist historian of the period also *Franco and Hitler: The myths of Hendaye* and *The Spanish Holocaust*, which is a recent summary offering a shocking and dramatic angle to Franco's period of terror.

Quiroga, A., *Right-Wing Spain in the Civil War Era, Soldiers of God and Apostles of the Fatherland, 1914-5*, Bloomsbury (2012) provides an analysis and historical overview of the nature of the right-wing and conservative activities that occurred in Spain either side of the country's civil war.

Sanchez, A., *Fear and Progress: Ordinary Lives in Franco's Spain, 1939-1975*, Wiley-Blackwell (2010) highlights the contrasting themes of 'fear and progress' as experienced in the daily lives of ordinary Spaniards under the Franco regime

Thomas, H., *The Spanish Civil War*, Penguin (1965) provides some informative contextual background as to the reasons why the civil war broke out and gives a detailed summary of the Civil War.

Wars of the Roses

Castor, H – Several books including, *Joan of Arc; Blood and Roses; The King, the Crown and the Duchy of Lancaster*

Jones, D, *The Wars of the Roses*, an accessible introduction to this period.

Penn, T, *The Brothers York*, published this year, this book follows the intriguing lives and relationships between Edward IV, Richard III and George, duke of Clarence

Penn, T., *The Winter King*, about Henry VII, the first Tudor monarch

Task 2

Facing Franco's Crimes: The Silence of Others (BBC iplayer Storyville)

Watch the **1 hour 28-minute** documentary and answer the following questions. (25 Qs + conclusion).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000byng/storyville-facing-francos-crimes-the-silence-of-others>

This task will take approximately 3 hours.

1. As you watch the documentary, use half a side of A4 space to list the **variety of crimes** that Franco's government committed against some of its own people. (13.12-14.00 mins – lots of examples, also 50.49-51.20 mins).
2. In **1977** the Spanish Parliament passed a new **Amnesty Law**. (Amnesty is a pardon or forgiveness granted by a government to a group of people). Which groups in Spain were granted amnesty thanks to this Amnesty Law? (5.01 mins).
3. Why is the Amnesty Law also described as the "**Pact of Forgetting**"?
4. Why do Spanish people and Spanish schools **NOT talk** about Franco and the Spanish Civil War today? (6.05 mins)
5. What did "**Billy the Kid**" do, under the Franco regime?
6. Why, in 2010, was the Spanish judge, **Baltasar Garzon**, suspended from the judiciary (ie sacked!)? (12.07 mins).
7. What country did the Human Rights lawyers turn to in order to file a lawsuit on behalf of the Spanish victims of Franco's regime?

8. What happened to the mother of **Maria Martin** and why did Franco's thugs single her out for that punishment? (17.25 mins).
9. What simple thing is Maria asking for?
10. How does the interview with the young Spaniards, (21.28 mins), reveal the **success** of the 1977 "Pact of Forgetting"?
11. Even during the economic miracle of the **1960s** repression continued. What happened to the student leader, **Enrique Ruano**? (23.29 mins).
12. **The 1960s**: What happened to prisoners in the Madrid General Security Headquarters? (25.22 mins)
13. What did the **Spanish government threaten Argentina** with when it heard that witnesses would tell their stories via video conferences? (28 mins)
14. **1976** and **2016**: Describe what some Spanish supporters of Franco are still doing publicly.
15. Name at least **4 international leaders** who chose to embrace Franco in the **1950's** and **60's** because of Franco's opposition to communism.
16. **Conservative Spain**: What happened to the **babies** of unmarried mothers under Franco and even continued after Spain became a democracy?
17. What happened to the thousands of **children** of the defeated Republicans? (41 mins)
18. **Mass graves in Spain**: How were Republican fighters and Nationalist fighters treated differently in death/burial? (55.30)
19. The **United Nations** become involved. What does the UN rapporteur recommend should be done with the 1977 Amnesty Law and why? (1 hour 2mins)
20. **Testimonies about torture under Franco**: Give two examples of what happened to men and women who dared to oppose Franco.
21. Why did the attempt to extradite Billy the Kid to face trial in Argentina **fail**?
22. How have the regional governments of Spain **helped the victims** of the Silence? Aim for 3 examples. (1:22.35) **Continue questions on next page.**
23. Why were these **street names** in Madrid finally changed? **Hail Spain Plaza, Plaza of the Leader, Avenue Arc of Victory, General Yague Street.**
24. When did Ascension finally get to bury her father? (1:27)
25. None of the accused torturers have faced trial either in Spain or Argentina. Why do you think this is?

Conclusion: Facing Franco's Crimes: The Silence of Others :

Extended writing.

1. With reasons, examples and details from the documentary to support your points, explain what aspect of the documentary for you, personally, was the:
 - a) most interesting.
 - b) most shocking.
 - c) most moving.
 - d) most depressing.
 - e) most hopeful.
2. Explain why the documentary title included the phrase - **"The Silence of Others"**.

