



**A LEVEL HISTORY LATE**  
**Reading List**





## Fiction

### French Revolution & Napoleon:

A Place of Greater Safety - H. Mantel  
 A Tale of Two Cities - C. Dickens  
 The Scarlet Pimpernel - Baroness E. Orczy  
 Candide - Voltaire  
 War and Peace - L. Tolstoy  
 Master and Commander - P. O'Brian  
 Hornblower and the Hotspur - C.S. Forester

### German nationalism:

Royal Flash, G, MacDonald Fraser

### EXTENDED:

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## Non-Fiction

### General:

A Little History of the World - E.H. Gombrich  
 Prisoners of Geography - T. Marshall  
 History Today website contains many relevant articles

### French Revolution and Napoleon:

Citizens - S. Schama  
 Napoleon - P. Johnson

### German nationalism:

Memories of a Nation - N. MacGregor  
 Bismarck: A Life - J. Steinberg

### Britain:

Never Had It So Good - D. Sandbrook  
 White Heat - D.Sandbrook  
 The '60s Unplugged - G. DeGroot  
 Thatcher's Britain - R. Vinen  
 Crisis: What crisis? - A. Turner  
 Churchill: Walking with Destiny - A. Roberts

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Citizens - S. Schama  
 Napoleon - P. Johnson  
 Napoleon the Great - A. Roberts

## Audio-Visual

### Visual

Danton  
 1864 – TV mini series  
 A History of Modern Britain – BBC series, Andrew Marr  
 Abdication: A Very British Coup  
 Heath and Wilson – The 10 Year Duel  
 Margaret Thatcher – Death of a Revolutionary  
 Winston Churchill: The Wilderness Years  
 Warlords: Churchill vs Roosevelt  
 Warlords: Churchill vs Stalin  
 Viceroy's House  
 Darkest Hour  
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### Audio

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### **EXTENDED:**

#### **Films/TV**

La Révolution Française: les Années lumière (The French Revolution: Years of Hope):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPMuGxeRMZg>  
 La Révolution Française: les Années terribles (The French Revolution: Years of Rage):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPMuGxeRMZg>  
 Heroes and Villains - Napoleon BBC (2007)  
 The French Revolution Tearing Up History BBC (2014)  
 Jacques Roux Preacher with Alan Rickman BBC (1989)  
<https://youtu.be/nXZqq2smuHs>  
 Napoleon presented by Andrew Roberts all three episodes BBC (2018)  
 Terror! Robespierre and the French Revolution BBC (2007)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suZdYkZ\\_feM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suZdYkZ_feM)  
 Danton (1983)

#### **Websites**

The Enlightenment:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnoFj2cMRLY>  
 French Revolution Crash Course:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fJl\\_ZX91I0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fJl_ZX91I0)  
 French Revolution Oversimplified:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qRZcXIODNU>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQmjXM4VK2U>



Trafalgar:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRtUrvmok-c&feature=youtu.be>

Robespierre:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_plscSbrWts](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_plscSbrWts)

Toulon:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRUx61plsz4>

Bonaparte –Strategic Genius:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wXauVk7DXs>

The Napoleonic Wars – Full season Epic History:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRUx61plsz4&list=PLUOc2qodFHm-mOphKW9RzQLsFTt-IV9RY>

Napoleon:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVZ4R4L\\_t2U&list=UUeUJFQ0D9qs6aVNyUt9fkeQ&index=83&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVZ4R4L_t2U&list=UUeUJFQ0D9qs6aVNyUt9fkeQ&index=83&t=0s)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pd6E38FfuMg>

[https://www.ted.com/talks/alex\\_gendler\\_history\\_vs\\_napoleon\\_bonaparte](https://www.ted.com/talks/alex_gendler_history_vs_napoleon_bonaparte)

Waterloo:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OE\\_dtHRITY8&list=UUeUJFQ0D9qs6aVNyUt9fkeQ&index=21&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OE_dtHRITY8&list=UUeUJFQ0D9qs6aVNyUt9fkeQ&index=21&t=0s)

Russian Campaign:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TizQvlyKAUI&list=UUeUJFQ0D9qs6aVNyUt9fkeQ&index=55&t=0s>

Spain:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ow6pg1Pp\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ow6pg1Pp_M)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_SMXT6dTwEo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_SMXT6dTwEo)

## Podcasts

Historical Association Doyle and Andress:

<https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/resource/5722/french-revolution-podcasts>

Reign of Terror:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p003k9cf>

Marie Antoinette:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000117y>

Wellington and Napoleon:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00547jy>

The Retreat from Moscow:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0008jd2>

The French Revolution's Legacy - In Our Time:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p00547gg>

## German nationalism 1789-1919

### Written

Memories of a Nation - N. MacGregor (2014)

Royal Flash\* - G. MacDonald Fraser (1974)

Bismarck: A Life - J. Steinberg

The Shortest history of Germany - J. Hawes (2017)

Germania: In Wayward Pursuit of the Germans and Their History - S. Winder (2011)

Iron Kingdom: The Rise and Downfall of Prussia 1600-1947 - C. Clark (2007)

### Films/TV

The Fall of Eagles episodes 2 and 3:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fw7D7SDHofQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QuKCnCQ754s>

Bismarck German Film (1938):

<https://youtu.be/ksrepu6R194>

[1864 TV mini series \(2014\)](#)



## Websites

Congress of Vienna:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuvW9sGpWUc>

Bismarck or Kaiser to blame for WW 1?

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/blog/2014/dec/31/bismarck-escaped-blame-first-world-war>

Bismarck:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFtz5ZTJxxw>

Napoleon III:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cn7Bxsqhcps>

The Rise of Prussia:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3rMBoMTCyo&list=UUeUJFQ0D9qs6aVNyUt9fkeQ&index=52&t=0s>

Metternich:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJK-bJILI5E>

The Revolutions of 1848:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXTaP1BD1YY>

Austro-Prussian War:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeITIRL6B9Q&list=UUeUJFQ0D9qs6aVNyUt9fkeQ&index=78&t=0s>

Konnigratz:

<https://youtu.be/wFHmmCpW1yY>

Franco-Prussian War:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpJKSMoiVds>

Battle of Sedan:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Rm1vhNSJOo&list=UUeUJFQ0D9qs6aVNyUt9fkeQ&index=77&t=0s>

<https://youtu.be/3Rm1vhNSJOo>

Kaiser Wilhem II:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABfPJB-2PKM>

<https://youtu.be/JzbCh4c-8vA>

## Podcasts

Bismarck:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00775pm>

1848: Revolution in Germany:

<https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts/categories/428/podcast/597/1848-revolution-in-germany>

1848: Year of Revolution:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b019gy9p>

The Congress of Vienna:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b098bt3h>

The Riddle of the Sands:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00bzdg4>

The Siege of Paris:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000d8rv>

Memories of a Nation by Neil MacGregor:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04dwbwz/episodes/downloads>

The Invention of Germany Misha Glenny part 1:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b015c342>

The Invention of Germany Misha Glenny part 2:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0167zl1>

The Invention of Germany Misha Glenny part 3:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b016lbtm>

## Britain 1930-97

### Written

Andy Beckett – When the Lights Went Out: Britain in the Seventies. London: Faber & Faber (2009)

Andy Beckett - Promised You A Miracle: Why 1980–82 Made Modern Britain. London: Allen Lane (2015)

David Edgerton - The Rise and Fall of the British Nation: A Twentieth-Century History (2018)

Martin Gilbert - Winston S Churchill, Five: Prophet of Truth 1922–1939 (1974)



Martin Gilbert - Winston S Churchill, Six: Finest Hour 1939–1941 (1983)  
 Martin Gilbert - Winston S Churchill, Seven: Road to Victory 1941–1945 (1985)  
 Martin Gilbert - Winston S Churchill, Eight: Never Despair 1945–1965 (1987)  
 Graham Goodlad – British Prime Ministers Balfour to Brown, Routledge, London (2010)  
 Roy Jenkins - Churchill: A Biography. Macmillan (2001)  
 Dominic Sandbrook - Never Had It So Good: A History of Britain from Suez to the Beatles. London: Little, Brown (2005)  
 Dominic Sandbrook - White Heat: A History of Britain in the Swinging Sixties. London: Little, Brown (2006)  
 Dominic Sandbrook - State of Emergency: The Way We Were: Britain, 1970–1974. London: Allen Lane (2010)  
 Dominic Sandbrook - Seasons in the Sun: The Battle for Britain, 1974-1979. London: Allen Lane (2012)  
 G. DeGroot, The '60s Unplugged  
 R. Vinen, Thatcher's Britain  
 A. Turner, Crisis: What crisis?  
 A. Roberts, Churchill: Walking with Destiny

### **Films/TV**

Finest Hour (2017)  
 Churchill (2017)  
 The Duel – Heath and Wilson BBC (2014)  
 The Gathering Storm (2008)  
 Into the Storm (2002)  
 Thatcher: A Very British Revolution BBC (2020)  
 The 70s Dominic Sandbrook BBC (2008)  
 The 80s Dominic Sandbrook BBC (2008)  
 Scandal (1989)  
 Greatest Events of WW 2 in Colour episode 8 Dresden Firestorm Netflix (2018)  
 The Trial of Christine Keeler BBC (2019)  
 Andrew Marr a History of Modern Britain BBC (2007)  
 Half a Yellow Sun (2013)  
 Falklands the Untold Story: Timeline  
 The Crown series 1 and 2 Netflix  
 Abdication: A Very British Coup  
 Heath and Wilson – The 10 Year Duel  
 Margaret Thatcher – Death of a Revolutionary  
 Winston Churchill: The Wilderness Years  
 Warlords: Churchill vs Roosevelt  
 Warlords: Churchill vs Stalin  
 Viceroy's House  
 Darkest Hour  
 The Coal War  
 Billy Elliot

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Thatcher: Woman to Woman:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bzof-se9VKo>  
 Abdication:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfRILVIPo6U>  
 Appeasement:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_yEpBKpK2Yw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yEpBKpK2Yw)  
 Europe's Soft Underbelly Part 1:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NK0FNnTX6cl&t=16s>  
 Europe's Soft Underbelly Part 2:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xLvX8L\\_jzM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xLvX8L_jzM)  
 Churchill v Roosevelt:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRzmpCE96kU>

Desert Generals:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1QapjJzTRE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duOYnlGivys>

Churchill v Stalin:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNhSaDZAw2w>

Churchill and the Bombing of Germany:

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x3p7akl>

Critique of Churchill:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-6172421/Peter-Hitchens-says-time-faced-truth-Winston-cost-countless-British-lives.html>

Churchill and War Crimes:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5516765/BBC-historian-blames-Churchill-war-crimes-Africa-famine.html>

Winds of Change Changing of the Guard – Peter Hennessey:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0008440>

Winds of Change the Young Ones– Peter Hennessey:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00081w0>

Winds of Change Profumo – Peter Hennessey:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00081sg>

John Major – Reflections:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04d4jvy>

Norman Tebbit – Reflections:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0376x76>

What Churchill faced in 1940:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrqkhCsLwDA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKSOLR-LUe0>

### Podcasts

Harold MacMillan:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/play/b0112fb8>

Ted Heath:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b011j8z4>

Harold Wilson:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b011c0rw>

Margaret Thatcher's handbag:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/play/b0bgg1d0>

Churchill's Cigar:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/play/b0bfyv44>

Harold Wilson's Pipe and Mac:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b07syyrk>

Chamberlain's Brolly:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b07mxt94>

Eden's Homburg Hat:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b07pgwg1>

Douglas Home's Matchsticks:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b07qbc0>