

Huntington School History

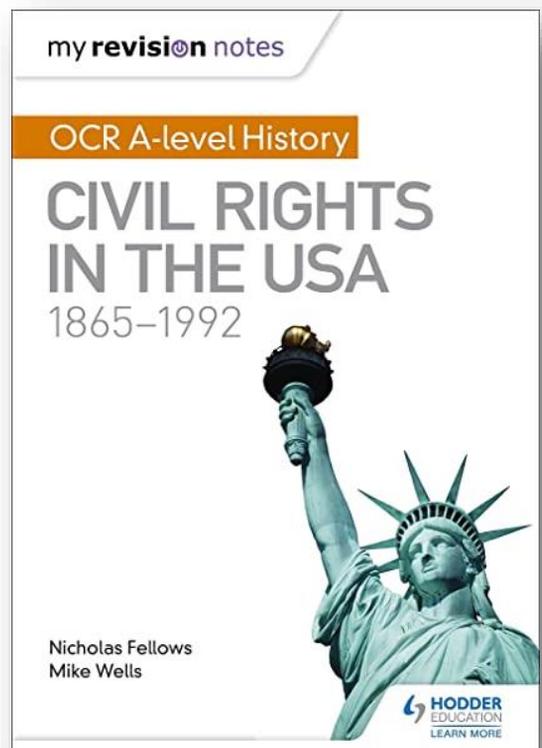
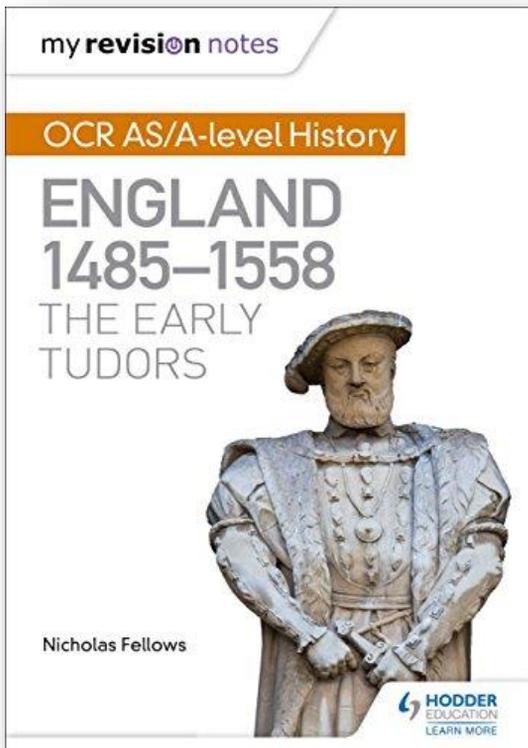
How to extend and develop study in

A-level History

We follow the **OCR A-level History (H505)** qualification, and have chosen to study the following units:

- The Earlier Tudors 1485-1558
- The Cold War in Asia 1945-1993
- Civil Rights in America 1865-1992
- The Personal Study

As well as reading the course books and set reading carefully, and taking appropriately detailed notes, you may find it useful to purchase the two revision guides below. Please note, as relatively few students study the Cold War in Asia, there is not a specific published revision guide for this unit.



The Earlier Tudors 1485-1558

Extend and develop:

Remember these all offer interpretations of the events we study!

Scholarship:

The **Penguin Monarchs** series of short readable biographies by various authors.

Henry VII and the Tudor Pretenders by **Nathen Amin**: a readable and fascinating look at the closing episodes of the Wars of the Roses and the consolidation of Henry VII's rule.

The Winter King by **Thomas Penn**: a critical look at the reign of Henry VII.

Henry VIII and the men who made him by **Tracy Borman**

Mary Tudor by **Anna Whitelock**: a fresh perspective on England's first Queen, challenging some of the more critical and unsympathetic narratives of her reign.

The Children of Henry VIII by **John Guy**: one of the great Tudor scholars presents his arguments about Edward and Mary.

The Voices of Morebath by **Eamon Duffy**: an immersive exploration of the Reformation.

Historical Fiction:

Dissolution by **CJ Samson**: (and the rest of the series once you're hooked!) - a stunning, wonderfully researched immersion into the Tudor world.

Eliza Rose by **Lucy Worsley**: the story of a young girl in the court of Henry VIII

Wolf Hall by **Hillary Mantel**: along with its sequels, a superb retelling of the Thomas Cromwell story.

The Prince and the Pauper by **Mark Twain**: Edward Tudor, the heir to the throne, and Tom Canty, a poor boy, change places.

The White Queen by **Philippa Gregory** – this is part of a wide ranging series. If you're struggling to imagine the world of the Tudors this is a lovely way in!

Watch & Listen

Not Just the Tudors: a brilliant podcast hosted by Prof Suzannah Lipscomb covering all sorts!

Wolf Hall: excellent BBC dramatization of the novel about Thomas Cromwell by Hillary Mantel.

Visit:

The **Richard III and Henry VII experiences** inside the bar walls.

Any of the great monasteries of Yorkshire: **Rievaulx**, **Fountains**, **Byland** or numerous others!
King's Manor in York city centre.

Further away: the **battlefield at Bosworth** is a great stopping point on a southwards journey and **Hampton Court Palace** connects you to the court of Henry VIII like few other places can.

The Cold War in Asia, 1945-1993

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Scholarship:

The Korean War by Bruce Cummings: a short, readable summary of the Korean War.

The Vietnam War by Max Hastings: an epic account of the whole conflict.

First they killed my father by Loung Ung: an emotional account of a women's experience of living under Pol Pot's Cambodian regime.

When The War Was Over: Cambodia And The Khmer Rouge Revolution by Elizabeth Becker

The Uncensored War: The Media and Vietnam by Daniel Hallin.

The Sorrow of War by Bảo Ninh.

Dynamics of the Cold War in Asia by Tuong Vu: this reconsiders the development of the Cold War in Asia, demonstrating how crucial Asia was to the entirety of the conflict.

Historical Fiction

The Quiet American by Graham Greene: depicts the breakdown of French Colonialism in Vietnam and early American involvement in the war.

Watch:

Ken Burns' documentary *The Vietnam War* is utterly spellbinding and offers some deep insights into the conflict.

Civil Rights in the USA, 1865-1992

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Scholarship:

A people's History of America by Howard Zinn: fiercely and unapologetically left wing. Firery stuff.
Labor's story in the United States by Philip Yale Nicholson: readable and easy to dip into on specific topics.

Labor in America: a History by Melvyn Dubofsky and Joseph A. McCartin: a really useful overview.

The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan: itself a turning point in the history of women in the USA.

Better day coming – blacks and equality 1890-2000 by Adam Fairclough.

The debate on black civil rights in America by Kevern Verney

Debating the civil rights movement, 1945-1968 (Steven F. Lawson and Charles Payne, 2nd edition, 2006)

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Brown: a classic (but contested) text which gives a heart-breaking Native American account of their experiences before 1900.

Historical Fiction:

The Help, by Kathryn Stockett:

The Hypnotist by Laurence Anholt: an Irish professor and a young black boy find their lives cross in the Deep South of the USA in the 1960s.

The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis – a look at the changing position of women over time.

Saving Savannah by Tonya Bolden – an African American woman comes of age in 1900.

Watch & Listen

Mrs America - A short dramatized series about the later part of the women course, starring Cate Blanchett.

Selma – starring David Oyelowo and focusing on Martin Luther King Jr.

The Butler – telling the longer story of African American Civil Rights, starring Forest Whitaker.

She's Beautiful When She's Angry – superb documentary about radical feminism in the USA.

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