

A Level History preparation work for September 2023

Paper 1 reading list:

A-Level History Paper 1, Option 1C Britain, 1625–1701: conflict, revolution and settlement – Reading list. All items on this list are not *required* but for use during the course to extend and deepen your knowledge. To start before September you should selecting 1-2 texts to get hold of and start reading

Resource	Type	For students and/or teachers?
Angela Anderson, <i>An Introduction to Stuart Britain, 1603–1714</i> (Hodder Education, 1999)	Textbook	For students. Clear and detailed overview of Stuart Britain.
Barry Coward, <i>Stuart England 1603–1714</i> (Longman Advanced History, Longman, 1997)	Textbook	Written for students. Very readable, less detailed. Covers economic and social developments and the full period of the topic.
Barry Coward, <i>The Stuart Age</i> (Routledge, fourth edition, 2011)	Textbook	Written for students. Detailed and up-to-date surveys; covers the full period of the topic and deals with economy and society as well as political developments. With good summaries of recent debate it is potentially very helpful for the third and fourth themes in this topic.
Barry Coward and Christopher Durston, <i>The English Revolution: A Source Book</i> (Hodder Education, 1997)	Textbook	Written for students. Contains excerpts from many of the key articles and texts of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, with source exercises and sample essays.
Dale Scarboro, <i>England 1625–1660: Charles I, the Civil war and Cromwell</i> (Hodder Murray, 2005)	Textbook	Written for students. In the SHP series with charts, activities, sources and clear narrative. Good basic textbook, but avoids covering debates.
Graham Seel, <i>Regicide and Republic: England 1603–1660</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2001)	Textbook	Written for students. Very clear narrative, written for OCR's 2001 specification. Chapters at end cover economic and social developments.
David L Smith, <i>A History of the Modern British Isles 1603–1707</i> (Blackwell, 1998)	Textbook	Written for students. Very clear narrative and analysis from a leading historian. Much-used by students and covers the full period of this option.
Rosemary Rees, Edexcel AS/A Level History, Paper 1&2: Revolutions in early modern and modern Europe	Textbook	Core textbook used in lessons by students.
Anna Keay, <i>The Restless Republic: Britain without a crown</i>	Academic	For teachers and students. Very readable account of everyday life during the Republican period.

Peter Gaunt, <i>Oliver Cromwell: British Lives</i> (British Library, 2004)	Academic (but designed for general readership)	For teachers and students. Exceptionally readable biography. Very accessible to students.
Ian Gentles, <i>Oliver Cromwell</i> (Palgrave, 2011)	Academic	For teachers and students. Most recent biography which summarises recent work and provides a clear narrative and analysis.
Ian Gentles, <i>The English Revolution and the Wars in the Three Kingdoms</i> (Pearson, 2007)	Academic	For teachers and students. Excellent, detailed, up-to-date overview by a leading authority on the period.
John Miller, <i>The Stuarts</i> (Hambledon Continuum, 2004)	Academic	For teachers and students. Very readable; nice overview of Charles II.
John Miller, <i>A Brief History of the English Civil War: Cavaliers, Roundheads and the Execution of the King</i> (Constable & Robinson, 2009)	Academic	For teachers and students. A really valuable, readable overview which draws on recent research; chapter 3 summarises the important work of Adamson in 2007 succinctly.
John Spurr, <i>The Post-Reformation: 1603–1714</i> (Pearson, 2006)	Academic	For teachers and students. A clear narrative history which works through the period chronologically and covers the full period of this topic; contains additional chapters focused on religious developments, helpful for the second theme.
Richard Cust, Charles I, <i>History Review</i> , December 1995, pages 15–19	Article	Written for students.
Historical Association Podcast on Cromwell, including the execution of Charles I: www.history.org.uk/podcasts/#/e/289	Podcast	Accessible to students.
National Archives Site on the English Civil Wars: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/civilwar/	Website	Accessible to students.
BBC English Civil War website: www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil_war_revolution/	Website	Accessible to students. Readable articles from leading historians such as John Morrill, Richard Cust, Ann Hughes, Ronald Hutton and Mark Stoye. Includes articles on figures such as Charles I and II, Cromwell and the Levellers.
BBC/Open University, 2002 <i>The English Civil War</i> , presented by Tristram Hunt	Documentary series	Accessible to students. Clear overviews from c1640–49: four episodes.
Channel 4, 2005 <i>Blood on our Hands – the English Civil War</i>	Documentary series	Accessible to students. Also available on YouTube.

Channel 4 <i>Monarchy, presented by David Starkey</i>	Documentary series	Useful episodes on Charles II and the Glorious Revolution in particular, but also on Charles, the civil wars and Cromwell.
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Paper 2 reading list:

Required: 'Reactions and Revolutions 1894-1924' by Michael Lynch 5th edition – pupils need their own copy (older editions are also fine) and should read chapter 1 before September.

Wider reading:

- Acton, E., Rethinking the Russian Revolution (London, 1990)
- Carr, E. H., The Bolshevik Revolution 1917-1923. Vol 2 (London, 1952)
- Figs, O., A People's tragedy: The Russian Revolution 1891-1924 (London, 1996)
- Figs, O., Revolutionary Russia 1891-1991 (Pelican, 2014)
- Fitzpatrick, S., The Russian Revolution (Oxford, 2008)
- 'Revolutions in Early Modern and Modern Europe' Bullock, Nutall and White.