

# Super Curricular Activities (History)

## What are Super Curricular Activities?

**Super Curricular Activities** describe extra-curricular activities that help students to expand their general knowledge and subject knowledge. The list below has been compiled using advice given from Oxford and Cambridge universities about the resources young people could use to enhance their knowledge about the world. *The new GCSE and A Level courses are much more focused on knowledge than in previous years: students who 'read widely' will undoubtedly have an advantage because they will have a deeper understanding of topics and will have nurtured their love of learning.*

## Advice on how to use the Super Curricular Activities

**Simple: follow your interests and dip in and out of whatever catches your eye!** Learning is a life-long commitment and you should relish opportunities to explore new topics and expand your knowledge. The best way to do this is to follow your interests and to stretch yourself to find out more about new topics and ideas: the suggestions below are sources of information you could use to help you to explore any topic that interests you... *keep in mind that although Google and Wikipedia can be useful tools, they don't always have accurate information so cannot be entirely trusted!*

## Super Curricular Activities:

### Websites

#### Year 9:

- **Industrial Revolution** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/>
- **World War One** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01nb93y>
- **World War Two** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwtwo/>

#### Year 10:

- **The Anglo-Saxons and Normans** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zx2c4j6;>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/normans/>
- **Cold War** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/coldwar/>

#### Year 11:

- **Middle Ages (especially the Black Death)** - [http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/middle\\_ages/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/middle_ages/)

#### Year 12:

- **Britain in the C20th** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/modern/>

#### Year 13:

- **The Tudors** - <https://www.bbc.com/timelines/zxnbr82>
- **The Holocaust** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/genocide/>

## Books

### Non Fiction

- BBC History Magazine
- Oxford's a Very Short Introduction

### Fiction

- C J Sampson – Shardlake Series
- B Cornwell- Saxon Tales
- F. S. Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby
- J Steinbeck - The Grapes of Wrath

## Documentaries

- **Blood and Guts A History of Surgery Episodes 1-5**  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=blood+and+guts+history+of+surgery+](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=blood+and+guts+history+of+surgery+)
- **The Cold War Series Episodes 1-4**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZh0sSJOAjw>
- **Nazis A Warning From History Episodes 1-6**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpLu3Q8ZOjw&list=PLeKob16HHkujmgMtdNxc3P\\_71pxCgEhR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpLu3Q8ZOjw&list=PLeKob16HHkujmgMtdNxc3P_71pxCgEhR)
- **World at War**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0b4g4ZZNC1E>
- **Simon Schama A History of Britain**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl5ficiJyMU&list=PLedB4v60tcs6d78-yXOFpDwzj9GERwwfs>
- **Blitz Street Episodes 1-4**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0v2Uq8z7aI>

## Historians to follow on Twitter

- **Simon Schama** @simon\_schama
- **Mary Beard** @wmarybeard
- **Dan Snow** @thehistoryguy
- **Lucy Worsley** @Lucy\_Worsley
- **BBC History Magazine** @HistoryExtra

## Places to visit

- **Locally:** Bletchley Park, Duxford, RAF Hendon, Hatfield House
- **Nationally:** Tower of London, York, Imperial War Museum London, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cabinet War Rooms