

A-Level History Summer Preparation Work

The Tudors 1485-1603.



The following work is designed to enhance your understanding of late medieval life prior to starting studying of the Tudor dynasty in Year 12. It is expected that this is completed. It does not need to be submitted to the teacher for marking, however it maybe requested by the admissions team especially in the event of an appeal based on GCSE grades or request to move subjects.

Please complete 2 of 3 the following tasks.

1. **The views of Lucy Worsley towards the Wars of the Roses**
 - a. Watch the documentary “British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley - The Wars of the Roses, Series 1 Episode 1”
(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08bqdzl/british-historys-biggest-fibs-with-lucy-worsley-series-1-1-the-wars-of-the-roses> - This is currently available on BBC iPlayer)
 - b. Create a one page summary of the main arguments presented by Lucy Worsley.

2. **Research the family trees of the Yorkist and Lancastrian families and produce a 1 page summary.**
 - a. Identify the different claims of the Lancastrians and the Yorkists to the throne of England.
 - b. Explain the claim of Henry VII (Tudor) to the throne of England before he married Elizabeth of York.
 - c. Explain why the De La Pole family believed they had a stronger claim to the throne of England than Henry VII in 1485.
 - d. Create a timeline of the War of the Roses and identify key time periods where power/dominance shifted from family to the other.

3. **Read and review one of the two attached chapters on the end of the War of the Roses.**
 - ❖ The Downfall of the Yorkist Dynasty
 - ❖ Was Richard defeated because of the disappearance of the Princes?
 - a. Read and produce a one page review of the text. Explain the main arguments presented by the author and the evidence used to support their claim.