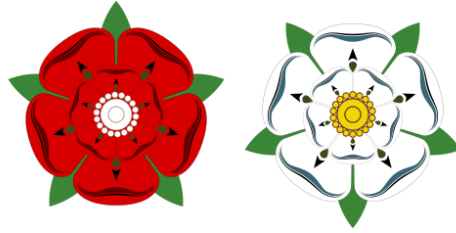


# History A-Level preparatory summer work



The course you will be studying over the next two years covers all of the Tudor period 1485-1603. In order to start in September with some understanding of the background to the Tudor Period I want you to carry out some research into the end of the Wars of the Roses and the reign of Henry VII.

Conduct research on the latter part of the War of the Roses and then answer the following questions:

- \* Which House did Henry come from?
- \* Explain two factors that helped Henry to take the throne in 1485.
- \* How did Margaret Beaufort help Henry to take the throne?
- \* How did Elizabeth of York help to strengthen Henry's position?

Then watch the following documentary - the Winter King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBpSRQ6wVPU>

Write answers to the following key questions based on the documentary as well as additional research:

- \* What were the main challenges Henry VII faced as king?
- \* How successfully did Henry deal with these challenges?
- \* What was Henry VII's legacy to his son?

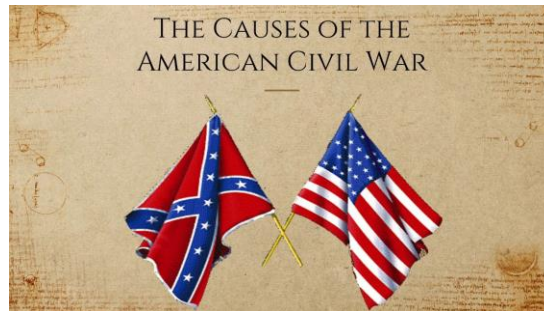
The following websites will get you started with your research:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/people/king\\_richard\\_iii](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/people/king_richard_iii)

<http://www.warsoftheroses.com/>

[https://www.activehistory.co.uk/Miscellaneous/menus/A\\_Level/Early\\_Modern/Early\\_British/Henry\\_VII.htm](https://www.activehistory.co.uk/Miscellaneous/menus/A_Level/Early_Modern/Early_British/Henry_VII.htm)

**A Level History**  
**Ms Gilbert Summer Work**



*"A house divided against itself cannot stand. The United States could no longer remain half-slave and half-free, and the ensuing war over the fate of slavery ripped apart the nation."*  
*Abraham Lincoln*

**Why did the American Civil War happen in 1861?**

**Research and write a 500 word answer explaining and evaluating the causes of the American Civil War.**

Read - <http://teachinghistory.org/history-content/beyond-the-textbook/23912>

Watch - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rC7c3a-WO\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rC7c3a-WO_g)

**Plan:**

**Introduction** - brief overview of the war and why there are several reasons for its cause.

**Main paragraphs** - explain at least three different reasons for the war and evaluate their importance.

**Conclusion** - decide which reason was the most important and why.

**Important information:**

- You must stick to the word limit. This is a skill in its own right. You will be allowed 10% leeway (450/550 words). Anything over 550 will not be marked and will impact your grade.
- Hand write your answer
- Check your spelling, punctuation and grammar – Be wary of American spelling! Use British spelling unless you are quoting.