



**Kings Langley School**

Unlocking Potential for Life

# History

To Read, To Watch, To Listen, To Do

# Year 7

## To Read [historical fiction]



The following are recommended by the Historical Association for Key Stage 3 students aged 11-14:

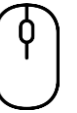
- *Anglo-Saxon Boy* by Tony Bradman
- *Knight's Fee* by Rosemary Sutcliff
- *The adventures of Robin Hood* by Roger Lancelyn Green
- *Red Towers over Granada* by Geoffrey Trease
- *Fire, Bed and Bone* by Henrietta Branfield
- *The Great Revolt* by Paul Dowsell
- *The Sun of York* by Ronald Welch
- *The Midwife's Apprentice* by Karen Cushman
- *Robin of Sherwood* by Michael Morpurgo
- *Sparrow: The Story of Joan of Arc* by Michael Morpurgo
- *The Woolpack* by Cynthia Harnett
- *Catherine, Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman
- *Castle Diary* by Richard Platt
- *The Cousin's War [series]* by Philippa Gregory
- *Eliza Rose* by Lucy Worsely

## To Read [non-fiction]



- *Changing Histories for KS3: Connected Worlds, c.1000–c.1600*, 2024, Christine Counsell et al.
- *Invasion, Plague and Murder: Britain 1066-1558 Student Book*, 2019, Aaron Wilkes
- *The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England*, Ian Mortimer
- *Palace Lives*, 2023, Michael Long
- *The Silk Roads [illustrated]*, 2018, Peter Frankopan
- *Black and British: A short essential history*, David Olusoga

## To Read [online websites]



- [www.historyextra.com](http://www.historyextra.com) - BBC History Magazine, BBC History Revealed and BBC World Histories Magazine.
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) - BBC Bitesize
- [www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/) - Overview from the Normans to the present day.
- [www.sporcle.com](http://www.sporcle.com) - thousands of quizzes
- [www.spartacus-educational.com](http://www.spartacus-educational.com) -Free online encyclopaedia on a wide variety of historical subjects.

## To Watch [TV/Netflix]



- *Horrible Histories*, BBC iPlayer & Netflix
- *Six Wives*, Lucy Worsely, BBC iPlayer
- *Lucy Worsely Investigates*, Lucy Worsely, BBC iPlayer
- *Royal History and History's Biggest Fibs*, Lucy Worsely, iPlayer
- *Six Wives of Henry VIII*, Channel 4
- *The Time Traveller's Guide to Elizabethan England*, Ian Mortimer, BBC iPlayer
- *The Secrets of British Castles*, Netflix
- *The History Channel*, Sky or online

## To Watch [YouTube/online]



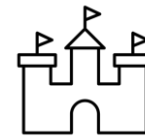
- *Oversimplified*, YouTube Channel
- *Crash Course History*, YouTube Channel
- *History*, YouTube [The History Channel]
- *Timeline – World History Documentaries*, YouTube Channel
- *Simple History*, YouTube Channel
- *Epic History*, YouTube Channel
- *Extra History*, YouTube Channel
- *Timelines TV*, <http://timelines.tv>
- *The Plantagenets*, Robert Bartlett, BBC Teach

## To Listen [podcasts]



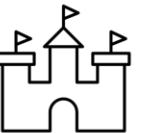
- *You're Dead To Me [radio edits]*, BBC Sounds, Greg Jenner
- *History Hit*, Dan Snow
- *History Extra*, BBC History
- *The Rest is History*, Tom Holland and Dominic Sandbrook.

## To Do [locally]



- Kings Langley Palace [remains]
- All Saints' Church [tombs, palace decor]
- Kings Langley Blue Plaques
- Berkhamsted Castle
- St Albans Cathedral
- Hatfield House
- Leavesden Country Park

## To Do [South/South East]



- The Tower of London
- Hampton Court Palace
- The Houses of Parliament & Westminster Abbey
- The Royal Observatory
- The British Library [inc. Exhibitions]
- The British Museum
- The National Archives