

GCSE History Reading List

These are largely works of fiction (novels, poetry, films) that will supplement the GCSE course

(* = film version available)

First World War

All Quiet on the Western Front*	Erich Maria Remarque
Goodbye to All That	Robert Graves
Birdsong	Sebastian Faulks
Regeneration* (first of a trilogy)	Pat Barker
Memoirs of a Fox Hunting Man (vol.2)	Siegfried Sassoon
First World War Poetry	Brooke, Sassoon, Owen, Thomas etc.

International Relations 1919-63

The Remains of the Day*	Kazuo Ishiguro
The Innocent	Ian McEwan
Moments of Reprieve	Primo Levi
The Origins of the Second World War	AJP Taylor
The Gathering Storm	(TV drama)
Dr. Strangelove	(film)

Germany 1918-39

Goodbye to Berlin	Christopher Isherwood
The Tin Drum	Gunter Grass
The Nazis: A Warning from History	Laurence Rees (also DVD)
Hitler: Profiles in Power	Ian Kershaw

Russia 1914-41

Animal Farm	George Orwell
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	Alexander Solzhenitsyn
The Communist Manifesto	Marx and Engels
October	Sergei Eisenstein (film)
A Life's Music	Andrei Makine
Ten Days That Shook the World	John Reed (reportage)
The Russian Revolution	Sheila Fitzpatrick

Vietnam 1954-

Numerous films – Good Morning Vietnam; Platoon; The Deer Hunter; Apocalypse Now

British Foreign Policy 1956-91

Finest and Darkest Hours	Kevin Jefferys
Bravo Two Zero	Andy McNab

General Works

Modern History Review (magazine) – see RAH or subscribe yourself