

GCSE History

Super Curriculum

Welcome to the History Super Curriculum!

Below, you'll discover a variety of activities designed to challenge and extend your learning beyond the classroom curriculum.

Read



Research additional sources about the topics we study – what do they reveal about each period? Remember to consider provenance! Start here: [Elizabeth I's monarchy - The National Archives](#) or [Vietnam War | National Archives](#)

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Watch



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Do



Visit museums or historic sites linked to our topics. For example, Hampton Court Palace was one of Elizabeth I's favourite royal residences ([Elizabeth I, the Last Tudor | Hampton Court Palace | Historic Royal Palaces](#)). Immerse yourself (with a guardian) in the East End London on a Jack the Ripper walking tour, following the Victorian police as they investigate one of history's most infamous serial killers ([Jack The Ripper Tour - The Original London Terror Walk](#)). Or explore local links at Reading Museum, where you can view objects from Reading Gaol, rebuilt in 1844 and run under the Victorian separate system ([Story of Reading Gallery | Reading Museum](#)).