

Independent Learning in A Level History



After each lesson, in addition to completing any set work, a pro-active, independent learner would...

- Ensure that notes are completed and up-to-date in their exercise books.
- Using the PLC in the front of their exercise book to match the content of the specification against lesson notes/content to ensure that all points are covered
- Make sure that their NEA course work folder is organised and contains relevant notes that are fully referenced (page number, author, title, publication date and publisher).
- Select additional books from the NEA/coursework book box to read. Make additional notes, reference as above.
- Read the relevant textbook chapter and annotate lesson notes with additional, relevant content.
- Make a list of things not fully understood to discuss with a peer or a teacher before the next lesson.
- Try to commit factual information to memory immediately, rather than leaving it until revision.
- Read back through notes and make flash cards/mind maps.
- Read the textbook chapter on the next topic before the next lesson.
- Plan additional essays from the exemplar lists in History hand-outs.
- Create a timeline for each unit that can be added to as they go along.

Effort grade

Resources to help you study

- Most key resources, such as the specification for your course, past papers, list of exemplar questions, additional reading materials etc. can be found in Handouts\History\Sixth form. There is also a PDF of relevant chapters of various historians that will help develop further understanding of the NEA/coursework unit.
- Don't forget that the textbooks that have been provided have lots of practice essay questions, extract questions and source work.

Resource	Description
http://www.nationalarchives.gov. uk/education/resources/civil- rights-in-america/	Contains relevant contemporary/primary sources that may assist with understanding of key aspects of the African American fight for their civil rights.
https://projects.jsonline.com/topi cs/50-year-ache/	A useful timeline of Civil Rights in the USA.
BBC History Tudors http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/0/22318048	A range of interesting articles about the Tudors.

Stretch yourself

Borrow relevant books for the Humanities office that will help put your course into context. Collect a film/documentary list from TMN and watch them.