**History Transition work**

**Introduction**

History challenges our assumptions in today, when you know history you are empowered to make sense of the now and question your own and others’ assumptions. Studying history at CGA will help you to understand the political, social and economic structures of the UK and the USA. Our course also explores the British Experience of Warfare from the 1790s, which enables you to understand and explore the role warfare played in forging the modern world. Throughout the units you will be expected to work with evidence in the form of historic sources and with modern historian’s interpretations of the past. Your ability to be critical and analytical will be honed over the course of the 2 year A Level.

To study history requires an inquisitive and open mind; a student who is willing and enthusiastic in reading, listening to podcasts and watching films/ documentaries. As you transition into year 12 take this opportunity to enrich your current understanding of 20th century Britain and USA in preparation for your paper 1 and 2 courses to start in September.

**As part of your transition have a go at some of these different activities designed to prepare you for the next step.**

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**TASK: sort the cards into the following categories: ​**

* **America vs Britain ​**

**Then within those...​**

* **Social ​**
* **Political ​**
* **Economic ​**

**Extension: can you add any more events which you consider to have had a great impact on USA or Britain.**



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**Reading, watching and listening**

**Britain Transformed**

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| **Title**  | **Author** | **Resource type**  |
| **Overview / Big Narrative** |
| History of Modern Britain  | Andrew Marr | Non-fiction |
| Small Island  | Andrea Levy | Book  |
| The Crown  | Netflix  | Drama series  |
| [How Britain Really Works, Stig Abell (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/7f4fc05f-b55f-4ffd-a3b7-c8a9ddc7b181) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| Mas Media Popular Culture and Social Change since 1945  | Stuart Clayton  | Book  |
| Thatcherism and British Politics: The End of Consensus?  | Dennis A Kavanah | Book  |
| Road to Wigan Pier  | George Orwell | Book  |
| Black and British: a Forgotten History  | David Olusoga | Book  |
| White Teeth  | Zadie Smith  | Book  |
| **Political environment** |
| [The Heart of Government: 100 Years of the Cabinet Office, Ben Gummer (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/c5fd2cf6-39e3-40e5-9349-140c1e1f0154) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [Clement Attlee, John Bew and Anna Whitelock (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/81597c8e-acc9-4f12-89aa-3a434037a0a1) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [The Cabinet of World War II, David Owen (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/chalkevalley/8f166239-4f7e-4725-b188-8d94d9f18a85) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [Women of Westminster](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/d3d19cd0-c4d5-429f-8f31-1cd21beeb663) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [Winston Churchill, Andrew Roberts (Histoty Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/b975a5da-6c95-4017-b669-8e04739dbe9b) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| **Economic environment** |
| [How Debt Made Nations Great, Martin Slater (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/82728451-48c3-414b-be7c-2fd47ad48953) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [The Economics of WW2, Duncan Weldon (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/0c6eb504-8218-4fa5-a76c-0f9f3dfec498) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| **Society**  |
| [Windrush, Empire and the Legacy of Slavery, David Lammy (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/f8bb0c0f-dd62-4aa3-b66d-f6a9e6d8e4a3) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [The Empire Windrush, Alex Von Tunzelmann (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/a8795bfe-f889-4661-a06e-0f5d3b12ebeb) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [Security&Freedom in Britain at the Start of WW2, Henry Hemming (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/0617685b-de33-401a-bf7b-9bea33fe2f17) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [Protest: Spirit of the People, Donald Macintyre (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/c5c1fba9-e077-4e91-9697-58bfdf4ab89d) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [Britain and Empire in 20th Centruy, David Edgerton (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/56af66d3-dc98-49dd-ae76-3f2a9de7e720) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [The Unwanted: The secret Windrush Files](https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00068sk/the-unwanted-the-secret-windrush-files)  | David Olusoga | BBC doc  |
| **Culture** |
| [When Football Banned Women, Clare Balding (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/1ff85f99-a8b8-47d8-aa40-1a70e4cdfbd5) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [Life as a Woman in WW2, Eve Warton (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/a1e1821c-eadf-497e-8d13-cf354101d1be) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| [The Sexual Revolution, Virginia Nicholson (History Hit)](https://player.fm/series/dan-snows-history-hit-106527/the-sexual-revolution-with-virginia-nicholson) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| **Thatcher**  |
| [Thatcher: A Very British Revolution](https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0005br9/thatcher-a-very-british-revolution-series-1-1-making-margaret) |  BBC  | TV Documentary  |
| [Thatcher (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/theironlady-margaretthatcherwithcharlesmoore)  | Dan Snow | Podcast  |
| [Fall of the Iron Lady](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/6dab5c3f-7de5-49a3-91bf-e61dfb45b100)  | Dan Snow | podcast  |

**USA: conformity and challenge**

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| **Title**  | **Author** | **Resource type**  |
| [Political Polarisation in the USA, Joanne Freeman (History Hit)](https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/57a85faf-f96f-48ac-95f6-ee2712ebed98) | Dan Snow | Podcast (+ accompanying book) |
| Strength to Love  | Martin Luther King  | Sermons  |
| The 13th Amendment  | Netflix/ YouTubeAva DuVernay | Documentary  |
| Selma  | N/A | Film  |
| [The Long Civil Rights Movement and the Political Uses of the Past](https://www.jstor.org/stable/3660172?seq=11#metadata_info_tab_contents) | Jacqueline Dowd Hall | Article  |
| The Great Gatsby  | F Scott Fitzgerald | Book  |
| Of Mice and Men  | John Steinbeck  | Book  |
| Mouth Full of Blood | Toni Morrison | Book  |
| The Catcher in the Rye  | J.D Sallinger  | Book  |
| Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas: a Savage Journey into the Heart of America  | Hunter S Thompson | Book  |
| Invisible Man  | Ralph Ellison | Book  |
| Death of A Salesman | Arthur Miller  | Book  |
| Streetcar Named Desire  | Tennessee Williams  | Book  |
| I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings | Maya Angelou | Book  |
| Who Killed Malcolm X | Netflix | Documentary series |
| 1619  | Nikole Hannah-Jones | Podcast  |

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| **Follow these useful links**  |
| <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/britain1906to1918/> |
| <https://www.ushistory.org/us/> |
| <https://www.myheplus.com/post-16/subjects/history> |
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