

Hurworth School

Key Stage Four – List of extra-curricular reading/watching

Some of the books, websites and films are useful for studying particular units at GCSE history, some are more generic.

Darkest Hour (A film from 2017 – Churchill must decide whether to negotiate with Hitler)

Dunkirk (A film from 2017 – Evacuation of British soldiers from the beaches of Dunkirk)

The King's speech (A film from 2010 – the story of George VI who overcame his stammer)

War Horse (A film from 2011 – Albert enlists in WW1 after selling his beloved horse)

Bridge of spies (A film from 2015 - An American lawyer defends an arrested Soviet spy)

Valkyrie (A film from 2008 – a dramatization of the attempted assassination of Hitler)

First Man (A film from 2018 – the life of Neil Armstrong)

Apollo 13 (A film from 1995)

Thirteen Days (A film from 2000 – about the 1962 Cuban Missiles Crisis)

Pearl Harbor (A film from 2001 – about the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor)

Conflict and Tension 1918-39

Causes of WW2 / Nazis <https://youtu.be/Fur-A32ms60>

The fight for peace (documentary from 1938)

Paris 1919: six months that changed the world (A book by Holbrooke and Macmillan)

The League of Nations: It's life and time 1920-46 (A book by FS Northedge 1986)

Munich (A book by Robert Harris which is a spy thriller set in the back drop of the Munich Conference)

Germany 1890-1945

The Pianist (2002 – A film which illustrates life in the Warsaw Ghetto and its uprising)

The Rise of evil (2003 – A film which illustrates the early life of Hitler and his rise to power)

Downfall (2004 – A film which illustrates last days of the Nazi regime)

Sophie Scholl: The Final Days (2005 – A film based on a true story about the White Rose opposition group)

Uprising (A film from 2001 – Jews rise up in the Warsaw Ghetto)

HHhH (A book by Laurent Binet – A book where two men have been enlisted to kill the head of the Gestapo)

The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich (William L Shirer – A comprehensive and detailed narrative of the rise and fall of the Nazis)

The Book Thief (Available as a book and a film – Follows the story of a young girl living in Nazi Germany)

Alone in Berlin (A book by Han Fallada – A novel set in Nazi Germany, but based on the true story of a couple who decide to oppose the Nazis after their son is killed at war)

The diary of Ann Frank (Available as a book and film – A true story of a Jewish family who hid from the Nazis)

The Nazis: A warning from history (episode three is available on YouTube, other episodes may also be available – link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDmjonkJ-to>)

The Boy in the striped pyjamas (Available as a book and a film – the story of friendship between a young German boy and a young Jewish boy)

Auslander (A book by Paul Dowsell – a novel about a young German boy who doesn't want to be involved in the Nazi Party)

Schindler's List (A film about the true story of Oskar Schindler who saved hundreds of Jews)

Medicine: Health and the People

Pain, Pus and Poison (Michael Mosley and surgery through the ages – available on YouTube – link below is for the first episode. There are three episodes altogether)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hTZNDyLPLk>

Filthy cities medieval London (A BBC series on medieval public health by Dan Snow – link is for the first episode available on YouTube) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9AVPt7geJw>

Absolute genius Sewer King Bazalgette (An episode on the building of London's sewers – link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqjFYcL6Xq0>)

The NHS: A difficult beginning (A BBC documentary from 2008 available on YouTube about the early days of the NHS – link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ywP8wifOx4>)

Saw Bones (A book by Catherine Johnson who is trained as an apprentice surgeon in the Victorian period)

The Normans 1066-1100

The Feudal Kingdom (A non-fiction book by Frank Barlow about Anglo-Saxon and Norman England and how it was run)

The Norman Conquest (A non-fiction book by Marc Morris which looks at how England changed after the Norman conquest)

The Battle of Hastings (A non-fiction book by MK Lawson which explores the Battle of Hastings)

1066: A year to conquer England (A series from 2017 by Dan Snow which can be purchased on YouTube)

The Normans (A three part BBC documentary from 2010 – link is for first episode <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LD6zJON2xTc>)