

A Level History (AQA)

Unit 2B – The Wars of the Roses, 1450-99

Preparation for Unit 2

Introduction

Unit 2 for A Level History is a depth study focussing on the conflict that has become known as the Wars of the Roses. You will study the origins of the conflict – focussing on the roles and responsibilities of medieval kings and the failure of Henry VI to fulfil these. You will then move on to look at the role played by the failings in the conflict with France and before exploring the various battles and key events of the period. You will also build up a picture of the role played by key individuals, their shifting loyalties and the impact they had on the conflict.

Unit 2 is assessed using contemporary sources, assessing their value for historians studying the Wars of the Roses.

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The aim of this summer work is to give you an overview of the Wars of the Roses. You will build a picture of phases of the Wars of the Roses, with their outcomes, and who the key individuals were in the period. This work will form the basis of the first two lessons of the course and provide you with a foundation for the rest of the course.

Task 1 – This task aims to give you an overview of the long- and short-term causes of the Wars of the Roses. Complete the questions on the grid labelled A. WOTR Causes TASK 1 using Reading 1.

Task 2 – This task aims to give you an overview of the Phases of the Wars of the Roses, building a picture of the key events and outcomes of each phase. Complete the table of A. *WOTR Chronology TASK 2 using Reading 2.*

Task 3 – Research the 10 key individuals from the Wars of the Roses. This should be completed on the sheet labelled A. WOTR individuals TASK 3. You should use the internet and other resources to find the following about each individual;

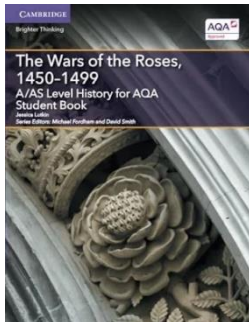
- i. Basic details – birth, death, marriage, children.
- ii. Their family background – How did their family background involve them in the WOTR?

- iii. The role they played in the Wars of the Roses – What actions did they take? What events or key battles were they involved in? With what outcome? iv. Why are they significant in the Wars of the Roses?

Key Texts

The Wars of the Roses, 1450-1499, Jessica Lutkin

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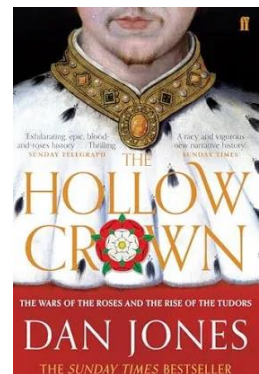


This is the core-text for Unit 2 and every student should aim to have a copy of this that they can use at home. Second hand copies can be found at reasonable prices. We also have several copies in school for lesson/private study use.

The Hollow Crown, Dan Jones

ISBN - 978-0571288083

This is a core extended reading text. Jones' book gives a comprehensive overview of Unit 2 and will extend the depth and extent of your knowledge of the period. This is a MUST read for this unit!



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