



King Edward VI Aston Wider Reading & Listening Ladder
History Department: Year 7-9



- Start at the **bottom of the ladder** and work your way up! Complete task 1 (red) first, and then 2, then 3, then 4 etc. all the way to violet at the top!
- For each task, choose something from the wider reading or listening resources list.
- When you complete a task, show it to your teacher and get them to sign your reading ladder to confirm that you've completed it.
- They will also then award anything that you've earned!

Level	Task	Credit	Teacher signature/date
7 VIOLET	Choose and read two or three books from the wider reading list about or set in the same time period and write an essay covering the historical merit of each book , and then comparing which you thought was the best and why .	Metal lapel badge, certificate and 7 APs	
6 INDIGO	Choose a book from the wider reading list. Read it and then complete a detailed research project on the time or place setting/focus for your book (e.g. Victorian London for Dickens; Nazi Germany for Marcus Zusak). Include a timeline, historical sources, images, and a summary of what life was like for different groups in society ,	6 achievement points and postcard home	
5 BLUE	Choose a podcast from the wider listening list. Listen to 2-3 episodes (write down which ones you listened to and how they inspired you), and then choose your own topic within the theme of the podcast to investigate . Write a 4 page script for your podcast episode—don't forget a catchy title!	5 achievement points and postcard home	
4 GREEN	Choose a text from the wider reading list. Read it and then create a detailed profile for one of the characters (if it's a work of historical fiction) or people (if it's a work of non-fiction). Set it out like a fact file and add as much detail as you can .	4 achievement points and postcard home	
3 YELLOW	Choose a podcast from the wider listening list. Listen to an episode , then produce a two page booklet summarising what you learned , as well as including additional research, images and quotes .	3 achievement points	
2 ORANGE	Choose a text from the wider reading list. Read it and then write a one page book review , commenting on the main things that you learned from your reading. For inspiration try https://www.goodreads.com/	2 achievement points	
1 RED	Choose a podcast from the wider listening list. Listen to an episode , and then write a half a page summary about what you learned from the podcast.	1 achievement point	



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Make sure that you write down which text/podcast you choose for each level of the reading ladder. Start with the red task and then work your way up to the harder tasks, all the way until you reach indigo!

Wider Reading list:

Title	Author
The Long Ships	Frans Bengtsson
A Heartless Dark	JP Buxton
The Winter King	Bernard Cornwell
The Last Kingdom	Bernard Cornwell
Bracelet of Bones	Kevin Crossley-Holland
Redwulf's Curse	Chris Priestley
Thunder God	Paul Watkins
The Roman Invasion	Jim Eldridge
Gladiator	Simon Scarrow
Vespasian: Tribute of Rome	Robert Fabbri
Rome's Fallen Eagle	Robert Fabbri
False God of Rome	Robert Fabbri
Rome's executioner	Robert Fabbri
Pompeii	Robert Harris
Wolf of the Plains	Conn Iggulden
Emperor	Conn Iggulden
Arrows of Fury	Anthony Riches
Wounds of Honour	Anthony Riches
Beyond the Wall	Tanya Landman
Pilgrim	James Jackson
Kings of Albion	Julian Rathbone
The Last English King	Julian Rathbone

Title	Author
Kiss of Death	Malcolm Rose
All fall down	Sally Nicholls
Treason (Edward VI)	Berlie Doherty
Stratford Boys	Jan Mark
Wolf Hall	Hilary Mantel
The Galleon's Grave	Martin Stephen
Ghost Hawk	Susan Cooper
Lady Mary (Tudor)	Lucy Worsley
Hell and High Water	Tanya Landman
Buffalo Soldier	Tanya Landman
Fleshmarket	Nicola Morgan
My name's not Friday	John Walter
My name is Victoria	Lucy Worsley
The flame trees of thika	Elsbeth Huxley
The sword in the stone	T. H. White
I, Claudius	Robert Graves
Empire of the Sun	J.G. Ballard
The Count of Monte Cristo	Alexandre Dumas
Les Miserables	Alexandre Dumas
Coram Boy	Jamila Gavin
Rebel Cargo (slavery)	James Riordan
The road to Kandahar	John Wilcox

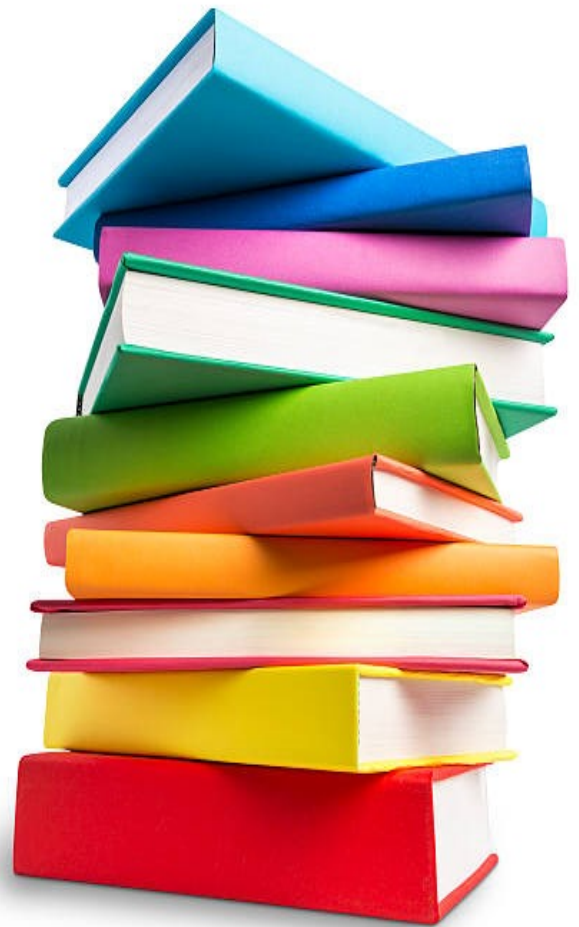


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Wider Reading list 2:

Title	Author
Diary of a young girl	Anne Frank
The Book Thief	Marcus Zusak
I am David	Anne Holm
Animal Farm	George Orwell
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo
To kill a mockingbird	Harper Lee
Blitz Cat	Robert Westall
Maus	Art Spiegelman
The Nazis: A warning from history	Lawrence Rees
The Holocaust	Lawrence Rees
Schindler's Ark	Thomas Keneally
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo
All quiet on the Western front	Eric Maria Remarque
When the guns fall silent	James Riordan
The Red Ribbon	Lucy Adlington
Bomber	Paul Dowswell
The Red Shadow	Paul Dowswell
Wolf Children	Paul Dowswell
Once/Then/Now	Morris Gleitzman
Goodnight Mr. Tom	Michelle Magorian
One day in Oradour	Helen Watts
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas	John Boyne
The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England	Ian Mortimer
The Time Traveller's Guide to Elizabethan England	Ian Mortimer





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Wider Listening list:

PODCASTS—find on podbean, iTunes, or your podcast app.

The Memory Palace	Something True
Dan Carlin's Hardcore History	Totalus Rankium: American Presidents
Medieval Death Trip	Rex Factor
History of the World in 100 objects	Dan Snow's History Hit
History Rocks	BBC History In Our Time

All of these podcasts cover a variety of time periods and topics. To get you started here are some BBC In Our Time episodes in chronological order:

Domesday Book	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b040llvb
Battle of Stamford Bridge	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b011jvlt
Thomas Becket	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09hp2rm
Third Crusade	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00547ls
Magna Carta	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00k4fg7
Robin Hood	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p005492h
Roger Bacon	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08m8z2w
Is Shakespeare history?	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0000nd9
Black Death	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00bcqt8
Peasants' Revolt	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0038x8s
Wars of the Roses	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546sp
The Printing Press	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01nbqz3
Renaissance	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546tq
Renaissance Magic	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p004y28n
Witchcraft	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p004y2b0
Mary, Queen of Scots	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b088fs7z
Spanish Armada	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00v1qyb
Dissolution of the Monasteries	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b009jta1
Aztecs	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00548v0
Tudor State	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546xd
Death of Elizabeth I	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00n5nqr
Mughal Empire	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p004y27h
Salem Witch Trials	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06pxp2z
Trial of Charles I	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00kpzd6
Great Fire of London	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00ft63q
Glorious Revolution	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00547fk
Restoration of the Monarchy	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00547bx
Pilgrim Fathers	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007rlb6
Divine Right of Kings	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0080xph
George Washington and the American Revolution	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p004y28v
French Revolution's Reign of Terror	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p003k9cf
Enlightenment in Britain	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p005479m
Slavery and Empire	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00548jd



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Benjamin Franklin	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01ckmg8
The Grand Tour and 18th Century Tourism	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00548fs
British Empire	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00547kp
Louis Pasteur	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08a317p
Social Darwinism	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03vgq1q
William Wilberforce	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00774j0
Corn Laws	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03dvbyk
Berlin Conference	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03ffkfd
Indian Mutiny	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00qprnj
Great Irish Famine	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0003rj1
Poor Laws	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0001m73
Suffragism	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00jjgg8
Marie Curie	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05n1dmt
Spanish Civil War	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00548wn
Hitler in History	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546wh
Lenin	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546pv
Atrocity in the 20th Century	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0054638
Siegfried Sassoon	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007mvl9
The American Century	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0054594
Penicillin	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07dnnkm
Animal Farm by George Orwell	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07wgkz4
Rosa Luxemburg	http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08lfc77
Dietrich Bonhoeffer	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0bkpjns

