**History teacher subject knowledge reading list**

A growing list of works of historical scholarship grouped (pretty much) around the standard school topics. Each has a review link so you can find out a bit more. Oh, and a few great podcasts too. Please help by suggesting more we can add to here – get in touch with @Snelsonh on Twitter or via @histassoc.

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| **Period** | **School history topic** | **Book / Podcast**  | **Link to a review / podcast link** |
| Medieval  | The Age of the Vikings | Thomas Williams: ‘Viking Britain’ | <https://www.archaeology.co.uk/articles/review-viking-britain-exploration.htm>  |
| Norman Conquest of Britain | Marc Morris: ‘The Norman Conquest’ | <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/152670>  |
| 12thC | David Carpenter: ‘The Struggle for Mastery: Britain 1066-1284’ Richard Huscroft: ‘Tales from the Long 12th Century’ John Gillingham: The Angevin Empire | <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/03612759.2004.10528672><https://www.openlettersmonthly.com/issue/book-review-tales-from-the-long-twelfth-century/> <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/911640.The_Angevin_Empire> |
| Thomas Becket | John Guy: ‘Thomas Becket: Warrior, Priest, Rebel’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2012/may/18/thomas-becket-john-guy-review30>  |
| Edward I | Marc Morris: ‘A Great and Terrible King’  | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2008/may/31/history>  |
| Black Death | John Hatcher: ‘The Black Death’ | <https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/reviews/the-black-death-by-john-hatcher-859389.html>  |
| The Peasants’ Revolt | Alistair Dunn: ‘The Peasants’ Revolt’  | <http://resolutereader.blogspot.com/2014/08/alastair-dunn-peasants-revolt-englands.html>  |
| Wars of the Roses | Michael Hicks: ‘The Wars of the Roses’ Sarah Gristwood: ‘Blood Sisters’Thomas Penn: ‘The Brothers York’Thomas Penn: ‘Winter King’ | <https://reviews.history.ac.uk/review/1218> <https://networks.h-net.org/node/12840/reviews/13700/fields-gristwood-blood-sisters-women-behind-wars-roses> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/oct/10/the-brothers-york-thomas-benn-review> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2011/oct/16/winter-king-thomas-penn-review> |
| Whole period  | Historical Association: ‘Exploring and Teaching Medieval History in Schools’Wim Blockmans and Peter Hoppenbrouwers: ‘Introduction to Medieval Europe 300-1550’Ian Mortimer: ‘A Time Traveller’s Guide to Medieval England’Christopher de Hamel: ‘Meetings with Remarkable Manuscripts’  | N/A<https://www.waterstones.com/book/introduction-to-medieval-europe-300-1500/wim-blockmans/peter-hoppenbrouwers/9781138214385> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2008/oct/25/history1> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/sep/25/meetings-remarkable-manuscripts-christopher-hamel-illuminated> |
| Medicine | Jack Hartnell: ‘Medieval Bodies’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/apr/12/medieval-bodies-jack-hartnell-review>  |
| Women | Henrietta Leyser: ‘Medieval Women’  | <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1693543.Medieval_Women>  |
| Castles | R. Liddiard: ‘Castles in Context: power, symbolism and landscape, 1066-1500’ | <https://books.google.co.uk/books/about/Castles_in_Context.html?id=ZzhUAAAAMAAJ>  |
| Early Modern | Reformation | Eamon Duffy: ‘The Voices of Morebath’Lyndall Roper: ‘Martin Luther’Peter Marshall: ‘Heretics and Believers’Suzannah Lipscomb: ‘The Voices of Nîmes’Jessie Childs: ‘God’s Traitors’ | <https://reviews.history.ac.uk/review/266> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/jun/26/martin-luther-renegade-prophet-lyndal-roper-review> <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/28-july/books-arts/book-reviews/back-to-the-themes-of-past-historians><https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2019/10-may/books-arts/book-reviews/the-voices-of-n%C3%AEmes-women-sex-and-marriage-in-reformation-languedoc-suzannah-lipscomb><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2014/apr/10/gods-traitors-terror-faith-elizabethan-england-jessie-childs-review> |
| Tudor England | Ian Mortimer: ‘The Time Traveller’s Guide to Elizabethan England’Helen Castor: ‘Elizabeth 1’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2012/mar/23/time-travellers-guide-elizabethan-ian-mortimer-review> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/apr/05/elizabeth-i-helen-castor-study-insecurity-penguin-monarchs> |
| English Civil War  | Diane Purkiss: ‘The English Civil War’  | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2006/may/13/featuresreviews.guardianreview3>  |
| Restoration | Ian Mortimer: ‘A Time Traveller’s Guide to Restoration England’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/apr/13/the-time-travellers-guide-to-restoration-britain-by-ian-mortimer-review>  |
| Whole period | Miranda Kaufmann: ‘Black Tudors’ Geoffrey Parker: ‘Global Crisis’ Malcolm Gaskill: ‘Between Two Worlds’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/oct/15/black-tudors-miranda-kaufmann-review-hidden-lives-revealed> <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/ghcc/blog/geoffrey_parker_global/><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/feb/20/between-two-worlds-how-the-english-became-americans-review-malcolm-gaskill> |
| 18th /19th   | Age of Revolutions (incl. French Revolution and Napoleon) | Janet Polasky: ‘Revolutions without Borders’William Doyle: ‘Oxford history of the French Revolution’Simon Schama: ‘Citizens’ Jenny Uglow: ‘In These Times’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/dec/26/libertys-dawn-emma-griffin-review><https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/william-doyle-2/the-oxford-history-of-the-french-revolution/> <https://www.gethistory.co.uk/reviews/book-reviews/citizens-a-chronicle-of-the-french-revolution-simon-schama> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2014/nov/06/in-these-times-living-in-britain-through-napoleons-wars-1793-1815-jenny-uglow-review>  |
| Britain in 18th C | Linda Colley: ‘Britons: Forging a Nation’Jenny Uglow: ‘The Lunar Men’Amanda Vickery: ‘The Gentleman’s Daughter’ | <https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/book-review-a-hand-up-for-the-nation-britons-forging-the-nation-1707-1837-linda-colley-yale-1995-1554079.html> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2002/sep/14/featuresreviews.guardianreview17> <https://reviews.history.ac.uk/review/57> |
| Slavery and abolition | Adam Hochschild: ‘Bury the Chains’Toby Green: ‘A fistful of Shells – west Africa from the rise of the slave trade to the age of revolution’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2005/feb/12/featuresreviews.guardianreview2> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/mar/08/fistful-of-shells-west-africa-rise-of-slave-trade-toby-green-review> |
| Empire | William Dalrymple: ‘The Anarchy’E.M. Collingham: ‘The Hungry Empire’ William Dalrymple: ‘The Last Mughal’Emma Robertson: ‘Chocolate, women and Empire’William Dalrymple: ‘Return of the King’Sean McMeekin: ‘The Ottoman EndgameAlex Tunzelmann: ‘Indian Summer’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/sep/11/anarchy-relentless-rise-east-india-company-william-darymple-review><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/sep/14/the-hungry-empire-lizzie-collingham-review><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2006/nov/11/featuresreviews.guardianreview6> <https://reviews.history.ac.uk/review/1099> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2014/feb/02/return-king-william-dalrymple-review><https://reviews.history.ac.uk/review/1886><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2008/apr/06/features.review2> |
| Industrialisation / capitalisation | Juergen Osterhammel: ‘Transformation of the World’ Hallie Rubenhold: ‘The Five’ EP Thompson: ‘The Making of the English Working Class’Emma Griffin: ‘Liberty’s Dawn’TM Devine: ‘The Scottish Clearances’ | <https://www.ft.com/content/5ea6d02e-cfc4-11e3-a2b7-00144feabdc0> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/feb/13/the-five-by-hallie-rubenhold-review-the-untold-lives-of-the-rippers-victims> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/jun/06/100-best-non-fiction-books-no-19-making-of-the-english-working-class-ep-thompson-1963-robert-mccrum> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/dec/26/libertys-dawn-emma-griffin-review><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/dec/22/scottish-clearances-tm-devine-review-highlands> |
| Women’s Suffrage | Fern Riddell: ‘Death in Ten Minutes’Jane Robinson: ‘Hearts and Minds’ | <https://www.spectator.co.uk/2018/04/kitty-marion-too-radical-even-for-the-suffragettes/> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/feb/04/hearts-and-minds-jane-robinson-rise-up-women-diane-atkinson-review-womens-suffrage> |
| USA (incl. expansion West) | Ron Chernow: ‘Grant’Elliott West: ‘Contested Plains’Ibram X Kendi: ‘Stamped from the beginning’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/dec/06/grant-ron-chernow-review><https://muse.jhu.edu/article/15881> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/aug/24/stamped-from-beginning-ibram-x-kendi-review> |
| 20th  | WW1 | Margaret Macmillan: ‘The War that Ended Peace’Christopher Clark: ‘Sleepwalkers’David Olusoga: ‘The World’s War: Forgotten Soldiers of Empire’Margaret Macmillan: ‘Peacemakers’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/oct/24/war-ended-peace-margaret-macmillan-review> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/jul/19/sleepwalkers-christopher-clark-review><https://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/tv-and-radio-reviews/11017450/The-Worlds-War-Forgotten-Soldiers-of-Empire-BBC-Two-review-stirring-and-passionate.html> <https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/reviews/30266/marks-macmillan-paris-1919-six-months-changed-world>  |
| Russia | Orlando Figes: ‘A People’s Tragedy’ Simon Sebag Montifiore: ‘Stalin’ Serhii Plokhy: ‘Chernobyl’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/theobserver/1996/oct/06/featuresreview.review> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2003/jul/20/biography.features><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/may/09/chernobyl-history-tragedy-serhii-plokhy-review-disaster-europe-soviet-system> |
| UK | Chris Renwick: ‘Bread for All’David Edgerton: ‘The Rise and Fall of the British Nation’John Bew: ‘Citizen Clem’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/sep/06/bread-for-all-origins-welfare-state-chris-renwick-review><https://reviews.history.ac.uk/review/2307><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/sep/04/citizen-clem-biography-of-attlee-john-bew-exemplary> |
| Germany | Julia Boyd: ‘Travellers in the Third Reich’Ian Kershaw: ‘The End’ The Ratline – Phillippe SandsSteve Crawshaw: ‘Easier Fatherland’Tunnel 29 – Helena MerrimanTimothy Garton Ash: ‘The File’ | <https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/nazi-germany-as-a-travel-destination-a-new-book-explores-how-hitler-duped-tourists/2018/08/28/d3265ca2-a63a-11e8-8fac-12e98c13528d_story.html><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2011/sep/16/ian-kershaw-the-end-review><https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0000phy> <https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/reviews/easier-fatherland-by-steve-crawshaw-53902.html> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04sj2pt> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2009/aug/29/the-file-timothy-garton-ash>  |
| USA | Jeanne Theoharis: ‘The Rebellious Life of Mrs Rosa Parks’Sarah Churchwell: ‘Behold America’  | <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-rebellious-life-of-mrs-rosa-parks-by-jeanne-theoharis/2013/03/01/335aaa84-802a-11e2-a350-49866afab584_story.html><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/may/14/behold-america-sarah-churchwell-review-fight-for-american-dream> |
| Holocaust | Tim Cole: ‘Holocaust Landscapes’Philippe Sands: ‘East West Street’ | <https://www.the-tls.co.uk/articles/public/murder-in-the-first-person/> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/may/22/east-west-street-origin-genocide-crimes-against-humanity-philippe-sands-review>  |
| Cold War | Odd Arne Westad: ‘The Cold War A World History’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/aug/28/the-cold-war-a-world-history-odd-arne-westad-review> |
| Europe | Ian Kershaw: ‘To Hell and Back: Europe 1914-1949'Tony Just: ‘Post War’Timothy Garton-Ash: ‘The Polish Revolution’Ian Kershaw: ‘Rollercoaster: Europe 1949-2017' | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/oct/30/to-hell-and-back-ian-kershaw-review><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2005/dec/03/featuresreviews.guardianreview4><https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/timothy-garton-ash-2/the-polish-revolution-solidarity/><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/nov/08/roller-coaster-europe-ian-kershaw-review> |
| Rest of World | Frank Dikötter: ‘Mao’s Great Famine’Avi Shlaim: ‘The Iron Wall’ Ian Black: ‘Enemies and Neighbours’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2010/sep/05/maos-great-famine-dikotter-review><https://reviews.history.ac.uk/review/153> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/nov/15/enemies-neighbours-ian-black-review-jews-arabs-palestine-israel> |
| Wider range – books  |  | Peter Frankopan: ‘The Silk Roads’Norman Davies: ‘Vanished Kingdoms’Peter Fryer: ‘Staying Power’EH Gombrich: ‘A Little History of the World’Peter Abulafia: ‘The Boundless Sea’David Olusoga: ‘Black and British: A Forgotten History’Michael Pye: ‘The Edge of the World’Brendan Simms: ‘Europe’Ian Mortimer: ‘Centuries of Change’David Reynolds: ‘Island Stories’David Abulafia: ‘The Great Sea’Frank Trentmann: ‘Empire of Things’ | <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/sep/29/silk-roads-peter-frankopan-review><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2012/oct/09/lezard-half-forgotten-europe-davies> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/dec/01/how-peter-fryers-staying-power-changed-the-story-fo-black-britons> <https://www.postwesternworld.com/2014/12/07/little-history-gombrich/> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/dec/29/the-boundless-sea-david-abulafia-review-by-alexander-larman><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/nov/17/black-and-british-by-david-olusoga-review> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2014/nov/09/edge-of-the-world-review-michael-pye-how-the-north-sea-made-us-who-we-are> <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/may/23/europe-struggle-supremacy-simms-review> <https://www.spectator.co.uk/2014/11/centuries-of-change-by-ian-mortimer-review/><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/oct/30/island-stories-by-david-reynolds-review-brexit><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2012/may/01/great-sea-david-abulafia-review><https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/feb/09/empire-of-things-frank-trentmann-review> |
| Wider range - podcast Series |  | In Our Time – BBC Radio 4Germany Memories of a Nation – Neil MacGregorA History of the World in 100 Objects – Neil MacgregorShakespeare’s Restless World – Neil MacgregorAs Others See Us – Neil MacgregorLiving with the Gods – Neil MacgregorGreat Lives – BBC Radio 4 | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01dh5yg> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04dwbwz> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00nrtd2> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b017gm45/episodes/downloads><https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0001t91/episodes/player><https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09c1mhy/episodes/downloads><https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qxsb>  |
| Sites to find book reviews | From the Institute of Historical Research: <https://reviews.history.ac.uk/>The Guardian Review section: <https://www.theguardian.com/books> |