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HISTORY



BRIDGING COURSE

A-Level Bridging Work History For Summer 2021

There are loads of resources below to dip into. There are two tasks to complete, one on British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, and one on American President, Richard Nixon. But don't worry too much about the work – enjoy watching and reading.

Paper 1: Britain transformed, 1918–97



Reading

Andrew Marr's *The Making of Modern Britain, 1900-1945*

https://blanchelandesch-my.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/personal/reesg_blanche_lande_sch_gg/EWmJsELZAyJFpkEewukbVxIBFPedHr1VSTI3zG1tT_pc4w?e=agpqnU

Andrew Marr's *History of Modern Britain, 1945-2000*

https://blanchelandesch-my.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/personal/reesg_blanche_lande_sch_gg/EeXBhphk8ohKlmQUZrVWimABEimU-PkQoC2kllReMUNjAw?e=xnpMQd

Television

Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain - a 2009 BBC documentary television series presented by Andrew Marr that covers the period of British history from the death of Queen Victoria to the end of the Second World War.

All episodes can be found here: [The Making of Modern Britain by waja100 - Dailymotion](#)

1 A New Dawn - At the dawn of the 20th century, Britain was mourning the death of Queen Victoria.

2 Road to War - The country basks in a hot Edwardian summer, but the assassination of an archduke in Sarajevo presages world war.

3 The Great War - Britain gets its first taste of total war, which transformed the lives of people on the frontline and at home.

4 Having a Ball - In the 1920s, Imperial Britannia slid from view and Britain saw a housing boom and the birth of radio broadcasting.

5 Little Britain - The Wall Street Crash and the rise of fascist politics in Europe caused chaos in 1930s Britain

6 Britannia at Bay - The series concludes with an account of Britain during the Second World War, starting with the events at Dunkirk.

Andrew Marr's History of Modern Britain - a 2007 BBC documentary television series presented by Andrew Marr that covers the period of British history from the end of the Second World War onwards.

All episodes can be found here: https://blanchelandesch-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/reesg_blanchelande_sch_gg/EnNGf1uw3NjNiDvQ5QERqG8Bms15mK3HOBp9BPz2Lp_0tg?e=DVfTfg

1 Advance Britannia - Britain in 1945 was a country victorious but nearly bankrupt.

2 The Land of Lost Content - The 1950s were a period of apparent calm and prosperity, but many were hungry for change.

3 Paradise Lost - As the 1960s progress, Britain looks to modern technology and a fairer, liberated future.

4 Revolution - Revisiting the Britain of Margaret Thatcher.

5 New Britannia – In the final episode Britain enters the uncharted waters of the post-Thatcher era.



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Task 1

Andrew Marr's History of Modern Britain: **Watch** Episode 4, Revolution, and **read** Part 4, The British Revolution. **Feel free to research further!**

Finally, plan and write an answer to the following Q; use the generic mark scheme as a guide.

How far do you agree that Margaret Thatcher was a successful Prime Minister?

(20 marks)



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1/U	1-3	Some accurate and relevant knowledge but it isn't detailed or covers all areas in the question	Simple or general statements about the question – knowledge isn't directly linked the question.	The overall judgement is missing or unsupported.	The answer has no clear structure so isn't clear or focused
2/E	4-7	Mostly accurate and relevant knowledge is included it isn't detailed or covers all areas in the question	Lots of information is described or narrated rather than being focused on the question. Tries to answer the question but it isn't very clear about the ideas in the question.	An overall judgement is made in a conclusion but not supported or deals with the ideas in the question.	The answer has some structure but not throughout or is ordered in a confusing way that means it loses focus.
3/ D-C	8-12	Mostly accurate and relevant knowledge is included to answer the question but in places isn't always detailed or on all areas in the question	Directly answers and links to the question making some links between different parts of the past. Some parts may still be descriptive but overall it shows understanding of the ideas in the question.	In the introduction the answer establishes criteria for the ideas in the question to make a judgement. Some points and the conclusion do relate to an overall judgement but these aren't fully supported.	The answer is organised in some structure which makes the overall argument clear, but parts can be unclear or unfocused.
4/ B	13-16	A good range of specific knowledge is used to answer the question and cover all relevant areas	Answer meets most of the demands of the question by exploring and linking the key issues although some areas are covered in more detail than others. The answer shows that understanding of the ideas and demands of the question are clear from the start.	In the introduction a valid criteria for the ideas in the question is established and are referred to in all points/sections. This builds a judgement throughout the answer. Although some of the judgements may not be fully supported the final judgement in the conclusion is supported.	The answer is well structured in paragraphs which are ordered to make the argument in a clear order. In a few places it may be unclear or unfocused.
5/A- A*	17-20	Specific, wide ranging and detailed knowledge is used to cover all areas required to fully answer the question.	Answer fully meets the demands of the question by showing a full understanding of the ideas in the question. All areas of the answer are directly related to the question and are well linked to show excellent understanding of a range of key issues.	The introduction establishes clear conceptual criteria for the ideas in the question to be judged by. This criteria is applied throughout all points and sections to build a clear, continued, balanced and supported overall judgement.	The answer is very well structured in paragraphs which are ordered to make the argument flow and link clearly throughout. The overall argument is made clear and precise.

Paper 2: The USA, 1955–92: conformity and challenge



Reading

Vivienne Sanders - Politics, Presidency and Society in the USA, 1968-2001

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Waugh *et al* - GCSE History Development of USA, 1929-2000 (general intro to many of the themes and events of the A Level Unit)

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Television

The Sixties is a TV documentary series which was shown on CNN in 2014. Produced by Tom Hanks' studio Playtone, the 10-part series chronicled events and popular culture of the United States during the 1960s. It gives a nice overview of how 1950s American consensus was transformed and fractured which lead to huge divisions in American society that still, arguably, are affecting America today.

All episodes can be found here: https://blanchelandesch-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/reesg_blanchelnde_sch_gg/EnSOZ_3iv9FPtmGVkkGcPC0Bqa5DR-hRs6duqBsaT6NZKA?e=E8LcA1

- 1 Television Comes of Age - Major events and milestones that lead to the changing landscape of television in the 1960s, including *The Twilight Zone*, *The Fugitive*, *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, and *I Dream of Jeannie*.
- 2 The World on the Brink - Events of the Cold War in the 1960s, including the Bay of Pigs Invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis.
- 3 The Assassination of President Kennedy - The events surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy, including an examination of the 1964 Warren report and interviews with eyewitnesses.
- 4 The War in Vietnam - The start of the Vietnam War and the role President Lyndon B. Johnson played in it.
- 5 A Long March to Freedom - Key moments in the Civil Rights Movement, including the March on Washington, lunch counter sit-ins, Freedom Rides, Freedom Summer, Integration of schools, and the Children's Crusade.
- 6 The British Invasion - British musical groups and recording artists, such as the Beatles, that had an influence in the 1960s on American music.
- 7 The Space Race - The beginning of Space exploration and competition between the United States and the Soviet Union to be the first to land on the moon.
- 8 1968 – The dramatic events of 1968, including the Soviet incursion into Czechoslovakia, assassinations, developments in the Southeast Asia wars, the end of the Johnson administration, violence at the 1968 Democratic National Convention and Richard Nixon's election.
- 9 The Times They Are A-Changin' - The changing views people began to have of Feminism, Civil Rights, Environmentalism, Conservatism and Gay Rights in the '60s.



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10 Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'N' Roll - Music of the '60s takes a new form with sex and drugs.

Task 2

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'President Nixon's presidency was a calamity for America'

How far do you agree with this statement?

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