

Bridging Resources for Year 11 Applicants: History



St John Rigby College

History summer activities

Hi everyone, welcome to History at St. John Rigby college. We can't wait to welcome you to the department and for you to join us at college.

Below are a number of activities that you could do to help prepare for History at college. One of our first topics of study is the Cold War, as part of this we study a conflict in which the two main Superpowers fought a war against one another without being able to use their own armies against each other directly.

Complete the below activities on how this conflict broke out and turned two allies in the war against Nazism to enemies in a war which lasted from 1945-1991.

1. Billy Joel 'We didn't start the fire.'

- Watch and listen to the song. Identify as many Cold War references you can from its lyrics.
- Select one to research further e.g. Bay of Pigs, North Korea, Kennedy.

Billy Joel Link = https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjeC_RdWDH4

2. WW2 timeline

- Watch documentary on WWII as a starting point – “World War II in Colour” is 13 episodes long, available on Netflix and also YouTube
- Complete a timeline overview of the main events of World War II, use the BBC web link below to help.

WW2 Web Link = http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwtwo/ww2_summary_01.shtml

Extension = Watch World War II in Colour” there are 13 episodes on Netflix or YouTube.

Link World War II in Colour =

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQuX00Te9sQ&list=PLZxIFAN12m6wmm5K8fPkApSB1F90885hS&index=1>

3. Why did the Grand Alliance collapse?

- Watch the CNN Cold War Series, Episode 1: “Comrades” which covers 1917-1945
- Make notes on why Germany was such a significant source of tension between the two sides.
- What other factors also caused tension? Consider individuals/personalities of leaders, the development of new weapons, and the ideologies of the two sides.

CNN link Episode 1 =

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22KIQ1QNhE&list=PL3H6z037pboGWTxs3xGP7HRGrQ5dOQdGc>

4. Who was to blame?

- Watch CNN Cold War Series Episode 2 on “Iron Curtain”
- What role did the USSR (Russia) play in causing the Cold War?
- What role did the USA play in causing the Cold War?
- What role did the UK play in causing the Cold War?
- Write a judgment paragraph on who you consider the most responsible.

CNN link Episode 2 =

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzcZBFImLoA&list=PL3H6z037pboGWTxs3xGP7HRGrQ5dOQdGc&index=2>

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