



SWGS KS3 READING LIST: HISTORY

The purpose of this reading list is to encourage students to read, enjoy and learn beyond the taught curriculum. You can use the resources here to support and to enrich your learning.

General * denotes main textbook(s)

E. H. Gombrich, *A Little History of the World* (Yale, 2008)

Year 7

Peter Frankopan, *The Silk Roads – Illustrated Edition* (London: Bloomsbury, 2021)

Janina Ramirez, *Femina – A New History of the Middle Ages* (London: WH Allen, 2023)

Year 8

Adam Hochschild, *Bury the Chains* (London: Pan, 2008)

Emma Griffin, *Liberty's Dawn: A People's History of the Industrial Revolution* (Yale, 2014)

Year 9

Diane Atkinson, *Rise Up, Women! The Remarkable Lives of Suffragettes* (London: Bloomsbury, 2019)

David Olusoga, *Black and British (Essential Version)* (London: Macmillan Children's Books, 2020)

Historical Fiction

[Historical Association - Fiction List](#) – The Historical Association have put together a fantastic list of historical fiction, with loads of ideas for reading that go beyond what we learn in school, to enrich your understanding of history. They are arranged by era, so you can dive into the medieval period or enrich your experience of the 20th century. Some of our favourites from the list include...

Judith Kerr, *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*

Philip Pullman, *The Ruby in the Smoke*

Ian Serraillier, *The Silver Sword*

Rosemary Sutcliff, *The Eagle of the Ninth*

Other Useful Resources

BBC History Magazine – available in the LRC

Crash Course World History -

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9>

BBC Bitesize KS3 History - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39>