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SWCHS SIXTH FORM SUMMER WORK

A Level History

TASK

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Wars of the Roses

Task

1. Either read the Overview Article on the website or listen to the podcast linked below:
<https://www.historyextra.com/period/medieval/henry-vi-terrible-king/>
2. Make notes on the following question: To what extent was Henry VI responsible for the Wars of the Roses?
You need to bring these notes with you to your first History lesson in September.

To help you do this....

- a) note down ALL arguments and examples/evidence she provides that say Henry was the main cause of the problems
 - b) note down OTHER explanations that she suggests, along with examples that she might use.
 - c) THINK – what parts of the Wars of the Roses does Henry VI bear most responsibility for?
3. EITHER read Mortimer's Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England **OR** read ONE of the following historical novels on the Wars of the Roses

Conn Iggulden, Stormbird Trilogy (Covers the whole of the period)

Philippa Gregory The White Queen (Focuses on Edward IV)

How will this work be used in lessons?

We will start the course discussing the rule of Henry VI and consider how far he can be held responsible for the developing conflict.

How long will this task take?

2 - 3 hours

Russia

Task

1. You must use the reading pack **Resource A** to add detailed and specific notes to the second side of the big table you started in your induction lesson.

2. Read the article, 'Emancipation of the Serfs: A Charter of Freedom or and Act of Betrayal' **Resource B** and answer the comprehension questions on **Resource C** in in full

How will this work be used in lessons?

This work is an essential introduction to understanding Tsarist Russia and the emancipation of the serfs.

How long will this task take?

2 - 3 hours