



## History Department KS3 Historical Fiction and Non-Fiction Reading Suggestions

### Year 7

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Description</u>
Romans	In the Shadow of Heroes	Nicholas Bowling	Fourteen-year-old Cadmus has been scholar Tullus's slave since he was a baby - his master is the only family he knows. But when Tullus disappears and a taciturn slave called Tog - daughter of a British chieftain - arrives with a secret message, Cadmus's life is turned upside down. The pair follow a trail that leads to Emperor Nero himself, and his crazed determination to possess the Golden Fleece of Greek mythology. This quest will push Cadmus to the edge of the Roman Empire - and reveal unexpected truths about his past ...
Romans	The Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliff	The Ninth Legion marched into the mists of northern Britain - and they were never seen again. Four thousand men disappeared, and their eagle standard was lost. It's a mystery that's never been solved, until now... Marcus must find out what happened to his father, who led the legion. So, he sets out into the unknown, on a quest so dangerous that nobody
Romans	The Rotten Romans	Terry Deary	All the foul facts about the Rotten Romans are ready to uncover, including what Roman soldiers wore under their kilts and how ancient Britons got their hair nice and spiky. Fully illustrated throughout and packed with horrible stories – with all the horribly hilarious bits included
The Norman conquest	The Battle of Hastings (I was there)	Jim Eldrige	Step back in to the battlefields of Hastings which places the reader at the heart of history.
The Norman Conquest	Norman Conquest: A History Nonfiction (Medieval England History)	Dominic Norman	Uncover the dramatic events and lasting legacy of the <i>Norman Conquest</i> in 1066. This meticulously researched book delves into the clash of cultures, the brutal battles, and the profound societal shifts that reshaped <i>England</i> . Explore the rise of <i>William the Conqueror</i> , the devastating Battle of Hastings, and the complex



			aftermath that forever altered the course of <i>English history</i> .
Medieval Britain	All fall down	Sally Nichols	A deadly plague races through England... Isabel and her family have nowhere to run from a disease that has killed half of Europe. When the world she knows and loves ends for ever, her only weapon is courage. The Black Death of 1349 was the deadliest plague in human history.
Medieval Britain	Max and the Midnights	Lincoln Peirce	Max wants to be a knight - too bad that dream is about as likely as finding a friendly dragon. But when Max's uncle Budrick is kidnapped by the cruel King Gastley, Max has to act . . . and fast! Joined by a band of brave adventurers - the Midknights - Max sets out on a thrilling quest: to save Uncle Budrick and restore the realm of Byjovia to its former glory!
Medieval Britain	Royal Murders: The Deadly Intrigue of 10 Sovereigns	Elizabeth MacLeod	Cleopatra killed members of her own family. King Louis XVI and his wife had their heads chopped off. Vlad the Impaler was the inspiration for Dracula. Richard III grew up in violent times and fought in many battles. But did he kill the 'Princes in the Tower'? No one knows.
Crusades	Crusade	Elizabeth Laird	The story of two boys on either side of the crusade.
Crusades	Crusaders: An Epic History of the War for the Holy Land	Dan Jones	One for more advanced readers, or even parents wanting to help support their child. From the preaching of the First Crusade by Pope Urban II in 1095 to the loss of the last crusader outpost in the Levant in 1302-03, and from the taking of Jerusalem from the Fatimids in 1099 to the fall of Acre to the Mamluks in 1291, Crusaders tells a tale soaked in Islamic, Christian and Jewish blood, peopled by extraordinary characters, and characterised by both low ambition and high principle

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Tudor	A Skinful of Shadows	Frances Hardinge	Makepeace, a courageous girl with a mysterious past, defends herself nightly from the ghosts which try to possess her. Then a dreadful event causes her to drop her guard for a moment. And now there's a ghost inside her. The spirit is wild, brutish and strong, but it may be her only defence in a time of dark suspicion and fear. As the English Civil War erupts, Makepeace must decide which is worse: possession - or death.



Tudor	A Traveller in Time	Alison Uttley	An ancient farmhouse forms the link that allows Penelope to step back into Elizabethan times. Her friends there are scheming to free their beloved Mary, Queen of Scots, but – even with her twentieth-century knowledge – Penelope can only watch helplessly. Only in her own time is she fully aware of the tragedy which lies ahead, drawing closer whenever she steps into the past.
Tudor	Eliza Rose	Lucy Worsley	Eliza Camperdowne comes from an old but impoverished family; she knows that the future of her family’s fortunes depend on her making the right kind of marriage. Ideally, that means marrying a man with money and a title. But Eliza’s life plan is changed when she is sent with her cousin to be a maid of Honour at the Court of King Henry V111. Katherine may be a cousin but can Eliza trust her? As Katherine finds favour with the King himself, Eliza must learn to survive the intrigue and treachery of the court
Tudor	The Terrible Tudors	Terry Deary	Readers can discover all the foul facts about the Tudors, including why Henry VIII thought he'd married a horse, all about terrible Tudor torture and life in Tudor times.
Stuart	Ring of Roses	Mary Hooper	A gripping story set during the Great Plague of London
Stuart	Witch Child	Celia Rees	A story of witches in the Stuart period
Stuart	No Shame, No Fear	Ann Turnbull	Set in England after the civil war featuring a Quaker girl as the main character.
Stuart	The Slimy Stuarts	Terry Deary	Readers can discover all the foul facts about the Stuarts, including why some slimy Stuarts ate toads, snails and fleas, which king picked his nose and never washed his hands and why people wore fish on their feet.

#### **Year 9**

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Slavery	My Name’s not Friday	John Walter	A story of a young slave who tries to escape
Slavery	Chains	Laurie Halse Anderson	A story of the slave trade.
Slavery	Before the Ships: The Birth of Black Excellence	Maisha Oso	The great achievements and accomplishments across Africa prior to the Transatlantic slave trade are told through melodious text and evocative illustrations, that culminate into the strength and resilience of modern-day Black people.



19 <sup>th</sup> Century/ 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	The Ruby in the Smoke	Philip Pullman	After the sudden death of her father, Sally Lockhart is forced to go to live in London with an obnoxious cousin. There, she receives an anonymous letter containing a warning so dire that it makes a man die of fear at her feet. Determined to discover the truth about what happened to her father, Sally is soon plunged into a dangerous and terrifying adventure that takes her to the dark heart of Victorian London
19 <sup>th</sup> Century/20 <sup>th</sup> Century	Great Victorian Inventions	Caroline Rochford	Who invented the flying machine? Was the Titanic really the first 'unsinkable' ship? How would one use a phonoscope? Using old Victorian documents, Caroline Rochford takes the reader on a guided tour of hundreds of fascinating nineteenth-century inventions from across the globe, some strange and some remarkably familiar. Think solar power is a modern concept? Think again! Today everyone has a camera, but imagine the excitement of taking a snap of a giraffe hotel! This is a surprising journey, taking the reader on a trip from the clouds to the bottom of the ocean, with stops everywhere in between. Discover the use of whispering machines, crime-fighting streetlamps and over 200 other remarkable Victorian inventions.
WW1	Armistice Runner	Tom Palmer	Running is what Lily is good at and fell-running is what she loves. But what she doesn't realise is that this talent was passed to her from someone very important – her great-great- Grandfather Ernest, an unsung hero of WWI. When Lily's ailing Grandmother offers her a glimpse into the past, Lily discovers Ernest's diaries, his shared passion for running and his unflinching tale of life on the frontline. As Lily uncovers heartache and memories, their stories intertwine into a tale of past, present and the little-known heroes of November 11th, 1918.
WW1	War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times. One horse has seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of peace. This is his story
WW1	Adventures in Time: The First World War	Dominic Sandbrook	Travel back in time to The First World War, as historian Dominic Sandbrook takes us from the soaring heights of an aeroplane cockpit to the desperate depths of the enemy trenches. We are plunged first hand into a conflict like no other as, amid the greatest clash of empires ever known, the future of the world hangs in the balance...
WW2	An Eagle in the Snow	Michael Morpurgo	1940. The train is under attacks from German fighters. In the darkness, sheltering in a railway tunnel, the stranger in the carriage with Barney



			and his mother tells them a story to pass the time. And what a story. The story of a young man, a young soldier in the trenches of World War I who, on the spur of the moment, had done what he thought was the right thing. It turned out to have been the worst mistake he ever could have made - a mistake he must put right before it is too late.
WW2	Girl with a white dog	Anne Booth	Looks at Nazi Germany and the discrimination people faced
WW2	Tales of World War II: Amazing True Stories from a War the Shook the World	Hattie Hearn	Everyone knows what Adolf Hitler, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill were doing during World War II, but what about ordinary people? In this beautifully illustrated book, war historian Hattie Hearn reveals some of the most incredible true tales from the war, including: the Canadian cabin boy who avoided German U-boats crossing the Atlantic, the Navajo soldiers who developed a secret code to outfox their enemies and the African-American jazz singer who worked as a spy for the French Resistance
Holocaust	The Boy in the Stripped Pyjamas	John Boyne	The story of friendship between two boys from very different backgrounds – one the son of a Nazi officer and the other a Jew
Holocaust	The Earth is Singing	Vanessa Curtis	Story of a girl in a concentration camp
Holocaust	A Rebel in Auschwitz: The True Story of the Resistance Hero who Fought the Nazis from Inside the Camp	Jack Fairweather	Occupied Warsaw, Summer 1940: Witold Pilecki, a Polish underground operative, accepted a mission to uncover the fate of thousands interned at a new concentration camp, report on Nazi crimes, raise a secret army and stage an uprising. The name of the camp - Auschwitz. Over the next two and half years, and under the cruellest of conditions, Pilecki's underground sabotaged facilities, assassinated Nazi officers and gathered evidence of terrifying abuse and mass murder. But as he pieced together the horrifying Nazi plans to exterminate Europe's Jews, Pilecki realized he would have to risk his men, his life and his family to warn the West before all was lost. To do so meant attempting the impossible – but first he would have to escape from Auschwitz itself..

