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Crime and punishment in Britain c1000–present



Essential viewing



Supplementary viewing







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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Crime and Punishment: A Timewatch Guide	Timewatch	59 min	Examining television's role in documenting seismic shifts in British law and policing. Contains some upsetting scenes.	http://clickv.ie/w/TrRk
 Crime and Punishment	Wilberg Presents Medieval England	10 min	During the Medieval period, trial by ordeal was not uncommon. The accused was tied up and tossed in the water – if they floated they were guilty but if they drowned they were innocent. Justice was not exactly being served! However, it wasn't all doom and gloom. After the Norman invasion, Parliament was the highest court in England and Edward the First introduced more statutes than any other medieval king.	http://clickv.ie/w/q6Nk
 Crime and Punishment in Early Modern England	Britain's History of Crime and Punishment	13 min	Rates of reported crime in Britain increased during the 1500s and early 1600s, as the gap between the wealthy few and the poor masses grew. This clip looks at the rise of petty and more serious crime in this 200-year period; parish constables, sergeants, and other law enforcers; as well as the courts and the range of often cruel and severe punishments they imposed, including capital punishment.	http://clickv.ie/w/WpRk
 Witch Hunts	Witches: A Century of Murder	45 min	Dr Suzannah Lipscomb investigates the origins of the obsession for mass witch hunts and trials that swept the British Isles 400 years ago in the seventeenth century.	http://clickv.ie/w/kqRk
 Matthew Hopkins	Witches: A Century of Murder	45 min	Dr Suzannah Lipscomb tells the story of Matthew Hopkins, a ruthless Puritan who rose to become Witchfinder General.	http://clickv.ie/w/mqRk
 Witches	Tony Robinson's Gods and Monsters	60 min	Witches were considered very real 400 years ago. Tony Robinson investigates the process of arresting and interrogating suspected witches; and discovers how confessions were extracted.	http://clickv.ie/w/iqRk
 Series 1, Episode 6: Witches	Digging Up Britain's Past	45 min	Can a site on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border shed more light on the Pendle Witch trials of 1612?	http://clickv.ie/w/YpRk
 Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot		28 min	Four hundred years ago, in 1605, a man called Guy Fawkes and a group of plotters attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London with barrels of gunpowder placed in the basement. They wanted to kill King James and the king's leaders.	http://clickv.ie/w/HqRk

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 All episodes	Gunpowder	59 min/ episode	A three-part thriller based on the 17th century events that led to Guy Fawkes Day. Kit Harington stars as Robert Catesby, who was the driving force behind the Gunpowder Plot in 1605.	http://clickv. ie/w/RqRk
 Episode 3	Elizabeth I's Secret Agents	59 min	A look at the world's first secret service. England has a new monarch and Robert Cecil exposes the most infamous terrorist threat in British history, the Gunpowder Plot.	http://clickv. ie/w/VqRk
 Crime and Punishment in Industrial Britain	Britain's History of Crime and Punishment	14 min	Britain experienced unprecedented social and economic change during this period. This clip explores the rise in crimes such as smuggling and highway robbery as cities grew and trade flourished, the liberal use of the death penalty, and how attitudes to law enforcement and punishment changed from the early 1800s as rapid industrialisation and urbanisation continued, and police forces came into existence.	http://clickv. ie/w/arRk
 Crime, Punishment and Policing in England and Wales from 1829		24 min	Late Victorian Britain saw a move towards reforming the criminal and making them a better member of society. Is this still our attitude? And has our definition of what is a crime changed?	http://clickv. ie/w/grRk
 The Strange Case of the Law		59 min	Barrister Harry Potter looks at the history of English justice, from the early concept of compensation, through the development of the jury to the founding of the police.	http://clickv. ie/w/hsRk
 Elizabeth Fry	True Stories	13 min	Drama in which Elizabeth Fry tells the story of her life and shows us how, determined to do good, she reformed life for prisoners and their families at Newgate prison.	http://clickv. ie/w/qrRk
 All episodes	Tales from the Old Bailey	15 min/ episode	Factual drama series which draws on the archives of the Old Bailey online project to bring to life the most extraordinary trials from history.	http://clickv. ie/w/wrRk
 Victorian Villains: True Stories		29 min	The stories of children whose fate was in the hands of the strict Victorian justice system, told through photographs, trial testimony and dramatic reconstruction.	http://clickv. ie/w/zrRk
 Jack the Ripper - The Case Reopened		59 min	Documentary which casts new light on the Jack the Ripper case. Contains scenes which some viewers may find upsetting.	http://clickv. ie/w/8rRk
 Crime and Punishment in Modern Britain	Britain's History of Crime and Punishment	13 min	From 1900 to 1950 crime decreased from its peak in the mid-1800s, assisted by improvements in detection techniques like police forensics. But after 1950, it escalated again with the trade in drugs and other contraband crossing global borders, political violence, terrorism, and cybercrime all flourishing. This clip looks at how changes over the last century have been reflected in British crime, law enforcement, and punishment.	http://clickv. ie/w/FrRk

Edexcel GCSE History **Crime and punishment in Britain c1000–present**

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 Crime And Punishment: Story of Capital Punishment	Timeshift	60 min	Documentary tracing the story of the ultimate sanction, examining the protocols of public execution and the 'science' of hanging. Contains some upsetting scenes.	http://clickv.ie/w/JrRk
 Let Him Have It			In this fact-based film, British working class teens Derek Bentley and Chris Craig take to behaving like the film noir antiheroes they idolise, and Chris begins carrying a gun to look the part. Unfortunately, the boys have a run-in with a police officer that takes a tragic turn, and Derek and Chris end up on trial for murder. While Chris is still a minor and faces only a prison sentence, the older Derek will be put to death if he can't prove his innocence.	http://clickv.ie/w/ZrRk
 All episodes	The Truth about Crime	59 min/episode	Why do we think crime is rising, when the official figures suggest it is coming down? This documentary series follows presenter Nick Ross on a journey to learn the truth behind the crime headlines.	http://clickv.ie/w/asRk
 Stabbed: Britain's Knife Crime Crisis		58 min	Duwayne Brooks explores the current wave of knife crime across the UK. Contains some scenes which some viewers may find upsetting.	http://clickv.ie/w/dsRk

View the playlist for Crime and punishment in Britain c1000–present at:
<https://clickv.ie/w/MOTk>

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Medicine in Britain



c1250–present












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 Supplementary viewing

 Resources available

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Health in Medieval Britain	Britain's Health through History	16 min	This programme examines health, medicine and surgery in Britain between 1250 and 1500, when knowledge and practices were largely based on superstition and untested theories. It also looks at the various causes wrongly attributed to the Black Death, which killed 1.5 million people.	http://clickv.ie/w/fbNk
 Series 1, Episode 6: Pestilence and Disease	Medieval Dead	44 min	Illuminating history series combining bone analysis with dramatic reconstructions. A look at the constant illness and disease that blighted medieval life.	http://clickv.ie/w/KtRk
 Episode 1: A Good Birth	Medieval Lives: Births, Marriages and Deaths	59 min	Helen Castor reveals how the moment of labour and birth was one of the most dangerous times for a medieval woman, with no antiseptics or anaesthetics available.	http://clickv.ie/w/ibNk
 Episode 3: A Good Death	Medieval Lives: Births, Marriages and Deaths	59 min	Most of the time we try not to think about death, but the people of the Middle Ages didn't have that luxury. Death was always close at hand, for young and old, rich and poor - even before the horrors of the Black Death, which killed millions in a few short months.	http://clickv.ie/w/jbNk
 What is the Black Death?	The Black Death	10 min	The outbreak of the Black Death in the 14th century decimated populations across Europe, Asia and Africa. This programme looks at: the symptoms of the disease, how it was caused and transmitted, and the role poor living conditions and a lack of medical knowledge played in its fast and far reaching spread. Prevailing and sometimes bizarre beliefs about its causes and cures are discussed in this stylised and at times gruesome presentation which is sure to capture viewer attention.	http://clickv.ie/w/mbNk
 Spread of the Black Death	The Black Death	9 min	This programme takes a detailed look at the spread of the Black Death in the 14th century. From its theorised origins in Asia, we trace its movement along the famous Silk Road trade route to Europe. This 'golden age of trade' provided the ideal conditions for the rapid transmission of the disease via caravans and ships, while attempts to escape it only further contributed to its expansion. Excellent maps and graphics will help audiences to follow this relentless and pervasive epidemic along its devastating journey.	http://clickv.ie/w/obNk

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Impact of the Black Death	The Black Death	11 min	The Black Death was the greatest and most devastating ecological disaster of the middle ages. As well as a high mortality rate, the epidemic affected many aspects of society. This programme examines its impact on: religion, feudalism, farming, urban life, the arts, and minorities in Europe; the economic and political consequences of the disease in Asia; and the socio-economic impacts in North Africa and the Middle East. Filled with unique examples, this is an informative and accessible look at the far reaching effects of the Black Death.	http://clickv.ie/w/pbNk
 Health in Early Modern Britain	Britain's Health through History	16 min	Between 1500 and 1700, people's understanding of disease and medicine progressed. New approaches, particularly the scientific method, led to significant changes, including identifying how blood flowed around the body and the classification of diseases. However, elements of superstition and religious beliefs still prevailed in diagnoses and treatments. This programme explores this period in Britain's medical history and is an excellent resource for GCSE history students.	http://clickv.ie/w/sbNk
 Andreas Vesalius	The Beauty of Anatomy	41 min	Adam Rutherford tells the story of 16th-century anatomist Andreas Vesalius, who produced the first complete account of the human body and how to dissect it.	http://clickv.ie/w/0bNk
 Life Blood	Science in Focus	19 min	Story of exploration and revelation. English physician, William Harvey, lived in the 17th century and was perplexed by his observations of the heart and the movements of the blood around the body	http://clickv.ie/w/utRk
 Health in Industrial Britain	Britain's Health through History	16 min	The Industrial Revolution brought about some important advancements. These included the understanding of: human physiology, diseases and their treatment, medicine, and medical procedures. This programme, targeted at GCSE history students, covers a range of important developments, including Pasteur's Germ Theory, improvements in hospital care and the work of Florence Nightingale, the use of anaesthetics and vaccinations, and the Public Health Act of 1875.	http://clickv.ie/w/9bNk
 Health	The Charles Dickens Show	20 min	Charles Dickens hosts a chat show looking at 19th-century topics. In this episode, he is joined by Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale to discuss Victorian health.	http://clickv.ie/w/CbNk
 Jenner's Marvellous Medicine	A History of the World	29 min	Professor Mark Horton tells the epic story of how Edward Jenner, the Gloucestershire doctor who developed a vaccination for smallpox and saved billions of lives.	http://clickv.ie/w/tbNk

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Edward Jenner	True Stories	12 min	Edward Anthony Jenner was an English physician and scientist from Berkeley, Gloucestershire, who was the pioneer of smallpox vaccine. His work is said to have “saved more lives than the work of any other man”.	http://clickv.ie/w/4bNk
 Anaesthesia	Medical Mavericks	59 min	Michael Mosley explores the work of the pioneering doctors who laid the foundations of modern medicine. He begins by charting the development of pain-free surgery.	http://clickv.ie/w/EbNk
 Beating Infection	Medical Mavericks	55 min	Michael Mosley looks at how doctors came to understand infectious diseases by deliberately infecting themselves with conditions such as syphilis and yellow fever.	http://clickv.ie/w/HbNk
 Health and Housing	Britain 1750–1900	21 min	Part of a 2000 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time. How industrialisation changed the day-to-day lives of the British people.	http://clickv.ie/w/KbNk
 Health in Modern Britain	Britain's Health through History	15 min	This programme explores developments in health and medicine during the 20th and 21st centuries. These include: diagnostics and x-rays, CT and MRI scans, the understanding of genetics and how it impacts individuals' health, antibiotics, blood transfusions, insulin, and anti-histamines. It also looks at examples of legislation aimed at improving public health, and the development of the NHS. This is a valuable resource for GCSE history students.	http://clickv.ie/w/PbNk
 All episodes	Blood and Guts: A History of Surgery	59 min	Documentary series looking at the brutal, bloody and dangerous history of surgery.	http://clickv.ie/w/5tRk
 Breaking the Mould: The Story of Penicillin		80 min	History books tell us that Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin, but that's not the whole story. This drama uncovers the forgotten team involved in the development and manufacture of the drug that transformed medicine.	http://clickv.ie/w/XbNk
 The NHS: A Difficult Beginning		79 min	The story of the birth of the NHS, revealing how close its opponents came to defeating it and why the some of the fiercest opposition came from the medical profession.	http://clickv.ie/w/ZbNk
 Episode 3	The Cancer Hospital	60 min	Three-part series following staff and patients at the Beatson Cancer Centre in Glasgow. A focus on lung cancer, spotlighting the treatment received by three people.	http://clickv.ie/w/XnSk
 All episodes	The Crimson Field	59 min/episode	Follow the dramatic lives of fictional WWI frontline medics as they work together to heal the bodies and souls of men wounded in the trenches.	http://clickv.ie/w/duRk

View the playlist for Medicine in Britain c1250–present at:
<https://clickv.ie/w/hQTk>

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Warfare and British society c1250–present



Essential viewing



Supplementary viewing



Resources available

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 The Longbow: Wood Against Steel	Decisive Weapons	30 min	How the longbow was a killing machine that could stop an armoured knight in his tracks.	http://clickv.ie/w/MtSk
 Episode 1: Cut and Thrust	Sword, Musket & Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History	59 min	In the first of this three-part series, Dr Sam Willis charts the evolution of weaponry in Britain throughout the Middle Ages.	http://clickv.ie/w/1oSk
 Episode 2: The Big Bang	Sword, Musket & Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History	60 min	Sam Willis on the history of weapons. Sam charts the impact of gunpowder, from the first cannons to early handheld guns.	http://clickv.ie/w/WpSk
 The Greatest Knight: William the Marshal		60 min	Documentary about the adventures, life and times of William Marshal - an eminent English knight who fought in battles across Europe and survived court intrigue and exile.	http://clickv.ie/w/lpSk
 Series 1, Episode 1: Agincourt	War Walks	29 min	A journey through six centuries of warfare. Military historian Professor Richard Holmes analyses the Battle of Agincourt.	http://clickv.ie/w/poSk
 Series 1, Episode 3: Agincourt's Lost Dead	Medieval Dead	44 min	A grisly history of the Middle Ages. Archaeologist Tim Sutherland unearths some fascinating clues as he digs up burial sites from the Battle of Agincourt.	http://clickv.ie/w/joSk
 Episode 2: Breaking the Bonds 1360–1415	Chivalry And Betrayal: The Hundred Years War	59 min	Nina Ramirez explores the medieval conflict. Henry V, determined to prove his right to be king, turns the tide at Agincourt.	http://clickv.ie/w/voSk
 Episode 4: The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards	Regimental Stories	29 min	A look at how the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, now a modern tank force, is still shaped and inspired by the daring charges of its cavalry past.	http://clickv.ie/w/bqSk
 Series 2, Episode 3: Battle of Naseby	War Walks	30 min	Richard Holmes visits Britain's historical sites. He travels to Naseby, where, in 1645, King Charles I lost the decisive battle of the English Civil War.	http://clickv.ie/w/lqSk
 Episode 5: Routing the Royals: The Battle of Naseby	Battlefield Britain	60 min	Peter and Dan Snow go back 350 years to tell the story of a battle that shook the British royal family to its core. It was the turning point in a civil war that had ripped the country apart for three long years. With the aid state-of-the-art graphics, father and son reveal the crucial moments of a battle that is seen by many as the starting point of British democracy.	http://clickv.ie/w/pqSk

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Cromwell		133 min	Historical drama set before and during the English Civil War in the 17th century. Charles I and Oliver Cromwell first clash in Parliament before taking to the battlefield.	http://clickv.ie/w/tqSk
 Episode 3: Rapid Fire	Sword, Musket & Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History	60 min	Dr Sam Willis charts the evolution of weaponry in Britain from 1800 to the First World War, looking at the drive to develop ever more precise weapons, from artillery shells to rifles to the Maxim machine gun.	http://clickv.ie/w/1qSk
 Part 1	Sean Bean on Waterloo	44 min	Sean Bean tells the story of one of history's bloodiest battles, the Battle of Waterloo, through the eyes of the soldiers who fought it. Working with present-day and retired soldiers as well as experts in military history he stages hands-on challenges and experiments to discover the reality of warfare.	http://clickv.ie/w/6rSk
 Part 2	Sean Bean on Waterloo	44 min	Sean Bean continues to tell the dramatic story of the decisive clash between the French and the British at Waterloo 200 years ago.	http://clickv.ie/w/8rSk
 Series 1, Episode 2: Waterloo	War Walks	31 min	Military historian Professor Richard Holmes looks at major battles in history. He visits the farms and fields where history hung in the balance at the Battle of Waterloo.	http://clickv.ie/w/JqSk
 Conflict and Peace in the 20th Century	Civilisations and Ideas	18 min	Throughout the 20th century, countries have engaged in peaceful interactions and conflicts that have had global impact. This programme explores key global conflicts since the end of World War I, including World War II, the Cold War, other regions of conflict including Afghanistan and Iraq, and the rise of global terrorism.	http://clickv.ie/w/DrSk
 Britain's Nuclear Bomb: The Inside Story		59 min	In 1957, Britain exploded its first megaton hydrogen bomb - codenamed Operation Grapple X. It was the culmination of an extraordinary scientific project, which against almost insuperable odds turned Britain into a nuclear superpower. This is the inside story of how Britain got 'the bomb'.	http://clickv.ie/w/SqSk
 Episode 1: Cruise Missile	Machines of War	45 min	How can a cruise missile accurately seek out enemies from 2,500km away? The reveal-all documentary series explains how engineers developed this devastating weapon.	http://clickv.ie/w/nrSk
 Episode 2: Tank	Machines of War	44 min	Hear about the history and development of armoured fighting vehicles, from the first use of mobile protected firepower in World War I to the latest Abrams M1A2 battle tank.	http://clickv.ie/w/orSk
 From Civilians to Soldiers		30 min	Newsbeat documentary following new British Army recruits, from the day they join up to the day they pass out. The programme shows what modern army training is about.	http://clickv.ie/w/frSk
 Episode 4: The Home Front	The Great War in Numbers	45 min	A fresh look at the Great War, with statistics helping to shed new light on the horrendous conflict. Hear about the effect of World War I on the domestic front.	http://clickv.ie/w/srSk

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 The Men who Wouldn't Fight	Not Forgotten	52 min	Journalist and broadcaster Ian Hislop explores the compelling stories of conscientious objectors during the First World War.	http://clickv.ie/w/wrSk
 Series 1, Episode 4: The Somme	War Walks	31 min	Military historian Richard Holmes looks at some of history's major battles. In this edition he walks through fields where the Battle of the Somme took place.	http://clickv.ie/w/KrSk
 Episode 1: For King and Country	WWI: The Last Tommies	59 min	Stories told by the last Tommies, remembering WWI. The Pals Battalions discover that trench warfare isn't the glorious adventure they had imagined.	http://clickv.ie/w/SrSk
 Episode 2: The Battle of the Somme	WWI: The Last Tommies	59 min	Stories told by the last Tommies, remembering WWI. The survivors of the Somme in 1916 and the families back home reveal the true horror of the battle.	http://clickv.ie/w/NrSk
 1939	A Year to Remember	46 min	A year-by-year chronicle of World War II using archive footage from the renowned British Pathe. As the conflict erupts across Europe in 1939, the evacuation of children begins.	http://clickv.ie/w/JvSk
 The First Day of the Blitz		44 min	Archive footage and first-hand accounts help to provide an insight into the terror ordinary Londoners faced on September 7, 1940, when Nazi Germany began their assault from the air.	http://clickv.ie/w/WvSk
 All episodes	Blitz: The Bombs That Changed Britain	59 min/episode	Series examining the effects of individual bombs that fell during the Blitz, from their initial impact on individual lives right through to their consequences for World War Two and the present day.	http://clickv.ie/w/awSk
 Series 2, Episode 6: Blitz	War Walks	30 min	Richard Holmes traces the events of a night of the Blitz, from the sector control room where the incoming raiders were plotted through to the efforts to save St Paul's.	http://clickv.ie/w/iwSk
 Episode 15: Home Fires: Britain (1940–1944)	The World at War	45 min	World War II as told by the late Laurence Olivier. Hear more about life on the British Home Front, a time of gas masks, digging for victory and evacuation.	http://clickv.ie/w/pwSk
 Episode 3: 1940	Turn Back Time: The Family	60 min	The three families experience family life on the home front during World War II.	http://clickv.ie/w/0wSk
 Episode 4: World War Two	Turn Back Time: The High Street	60 min	The shopkeepers and their customers are plunged into World War Two, and for the first time profit isn't everything.	http://clickv.ie/w/xwSk
 Dancing in the Blitz: How World War Two Made British Ballet		59 min	David Bintley on how the Sadler's Wells Ballet company brought ballet to the British people as an antidote to austerity and emerged, postwar, as the Royal Ballet.	http://clickv.ie/w/BwSk
 All episodes	The Iraq War	59 min/episode	The big players from Washington, London and Baghdad tell the inside story of the war in Iraq, revealing how they wrestled with the big decisions - and with each other.	http://clickv.ie/w/ZrSk

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<https://clickv.ie/w/7Q Tk>

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Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c1060–88



Essential viewing



Supplementary viewing



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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Episode 1: Men from the North	The Normans	45 min	Robert Bartlett kicks off his three-part profile of The Normans with a look at how the fearsome warriors first established their province of Normandy in France.	http://clickv.ie/w/z5Nk
 Episode 2: Conquest	The Normans	44 min	Robert Bartlett reveals how the Norman conquest was 'one in the eye' for Britain, as the all-conquering William built fortifications and commissioned the Domesday Book	http://clickv.ie/w/05Nk
 Episode 3: Normans of the South	The Normans	44 min	Robert Bartlett explores the impact of the Normans on south Europe and the Middle East and the subsequent deep rift between Christianity and Islam.	http://clickv.ie/w/15Nk
 Conquest	A History of Britain by Simon Schama	59 min	BBC documentary series written and presented by Simon Schama and features a study of the history of the British Isles, examining a particular period and tell of its events in his own style. The show spans a timeline from 3100 B.C. to the sixties of the 20th century. The second episode covers the years between 1000 and 1087.	http://clickv.ie/w/35Nk
 Episode 2: Medieval Warfare at the Battle of Hastings	Battlefield Britain	60 min	Peter and Dan Snow on the battles that shaped our nation, using state-of-the-art graphics. The story of the turbulent events culminating in the Battle of Hastings in 1066.	http://clickv.ie/w/65Nk
 Series 2, Episode 1: Hastings	War Walks	30 min	Professor Richard Holmes traces the history of British and Irish warfare through the centuries, visiting the site of William the Conqueror's historic victory.	http://clickv.ie/w/75Nk
 Episode 1	1066: A Year to Conquer England	60 min	Drama documentary. Dan Snow explores the political intrigues and family betrayals between Vikings, Anglo-Saxons and Normans that led to war and the Battle of Hastings.	http://clickv.ie/w/76Nk
 Episode 2	1066: A Year to Conquer England	59 min	King Harold of England has to take on two invasion forces. His brother Tostig attacks the south coast, then King Harald Hardrada lands in north England.	http://clickv.ie/w/96Nk
 Episode 3	1066: A Year to Conquer England	59 min	Duke William leads his vast invasion fleet across the Channel to face King Harold. The two armies meet at battle in Sussex on 14 October 1066.	http://clickv.ie/w/A6Nk

AQA GCSE History **Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c1060–88**

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Normans	Inside Out	41 min	Archaeologist Ben Robinson commemorates the 950th anniversary of the Norman conquest by revealing how castles, cathedrals, town life and the class system were all Norman imports.	http://clickv.ie/w/A5Nk
 The Feudal System	Wilberg Presents Medieval England	13 min	After the death of Edward the Confessor, there was a bloody four-way battle for the throne. Discover how William the Conqueror defeated the last of the Viking kings, and one of the richest men in England, in order to seize the throne and all of England's wealth for the Normans. This clip explores the impact this had on the power structure and political system of Medieval England.	http://clickv.ie/w/p6Nk
 Crime and Punishment	Wilberg Presents Medieval England	10 min	During the Medieval period, trial by ordeal was not uncommon. The accused was tied up and tossed in the water – if they floated they were guilty but if they drowned they were innocent. Justice was not exactly being served! However, it wasn't all doom and gloom. After the Norman invasion, Parliament was the highest court in England and Edward the First introduced more statutes than any other medieval king.	http://clickv.ie/w/q6Nk
 Influence of the Church	Wilberg Presents Medieval England	12 min	An alliance made in heaven! Did you know that William the Conqueror colluded with Pope Alexander II? Or that some of the first schools in England were started by churches? Or that monasteries brewed their own beer? This clip takes a fascinating glimpse into the power and influence of the Church in Medieval England.	http://clickv.ie/w/x6Nk
 Castles	Wilberg Presents Medieval England	12 min	After 1066, William the Conqueror, and subsequent Norman Kings, built thousands of castles to ensure their control. Learn about the castles' Motte and Bailey design, as Wilburg and Norman explain key features such as moats, keeps and murder holes!	http://clickv.ie/w/v6Nk
 Daily Life	Wilberg Presents Medieval England	10 min	Imagine eating just bread, oat porridge and vegetable stew...or trying to impress your rich friends with a dinner of peacock. Daily life was very different for the poor peasants of medieval society, compared to their rich Lords. However, both the rich and poor alike suffered rickets, scurvy and bad teeth, and it wasn't uncommon for a peasant to bath just once a year!	http://clickv.ie/w/z6Nk
 Dark Beginnings	Churches: How to Read Them	28 min	Richard Taylor visits Britain's early medieval churches to find out why the Anglo-Saxons and Normans continued to fill their sacred buildings with pagan images.	http://clickv.ie/w/M6Nk
 Episode 1	Saints And Sinners: Britain's Millenniums of Monasteries	59 min	How monasteries evolved into powerhouses of Anglo-Saxon art, industry and learning.	http://clickv.ie/w/QuRk
 Domesday to Magna Carta	Michael Wood's Story of England	59 min	Michael Wood's unique portrait of one village through the whole of English history moves on to 1066, when the invading Normans built a castle in Kibworth.	http://clickv.ie/w/P6Nk

View the playlist for Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c1060–88 at:
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The reigns of King Richard I and King John 1189–1216








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 The Feudal System	Wilberg Presents Medieval England	13 min	After the death of Edward the Confessor, there was a bloody four-way battle for the throne. Discover how William the Conqueror defeated the last of the Viking kings, and one of the richest men in England, in order to seize the throne and all of England's wealth for the Normans. This clip explores the impact this had on the power structure and political system of Medieval England.	http://clickv.ie/w/p6Nk
 Influence of the Church	Wilberg Presents Medieval England	12 min	An alliance made in heaven! Did you know that William the Conqueror colluded with Pope Alexander II? Or that some of the first schools in England were started by churches? Or that monasteries brewed their own beer? This clip takes a fascinating glimpse into the power and influence of the Church in Medieval England.	http://clickv.ie/w/x6Nk
 Daily Life	Wilberg Presents Medieval England	10 min	Imagine eating just bread, oat porridge and vegetable stew...or trying to impress your rich friends with a dinner of peacock. Daily life was very different for the poor peasants of medieval society, compared to their rich Lords. However, both the rich and poor alike suffered rickets, scurvy and bad teeth, and it wasn't uncommon for a peasant to bath just once a year!	http://clickv.ie/w/z6Nk
 The Plantagenets (BBC Learning Zone)	The Plantagenets	30 min	Professor Robert Bartlett explores the Plantagenets, England's longest ruling dynasty, in this version of the BBC Two series made especially for schools. Bartlett reveals how Parliament was born, the system of justice was established through Magna Carta and the foundations of the United Kingdom were set down.	http://clickv.ie/w/lxSk
 Episode 1: The Devils's Brood	The Plantagenets	60 min	Professor Robert Bartlett tells the extraordinary story of England's most dysfunctional, yet longest-ruling, royal dynasty. Henry II forges a mighty empire encompassing England and much of France. His sons, Richard the Lionheart and John, then turn on their father and each other, bringing the dynasty to the edge of annihilation.	http://clickv.ie/w/FxSk

Edexcel GCSE History The reigns of King Richard I and King John 1189–1216

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 The Clash of the Titans	The Crusades	59 min	Dr Thomas Asbridge examines the two figures who have come to embody Crusader war: Richard the Lionheart and Saladin.	http://clickv.ie/w/PxSk
 Victory and Defeat	The Crusades	59 min	Dr Thomas Asbridge reveals that the outcome of these holy wars was decided not on the hallowed ground of Jerusalem, but in Egypt.	http://clickv.ie/w/VxSk
 David Starkey's Magna Carta		59 min	David Starkey looks at the origins of Magna Carta, the document that has underpinned British liberties since it was created in 1215 to check the abuses of King John.	http://clickv.ie/w/ZxSk
 The Last Journey of the Magna Carta King		59 min	Dr Ben Robinson retraces the dramatic last days of King John, famous for the creation of Magna Carta, and uncovers the legend of his lost treasure.	http://clickv.ie/w/aySk
 The Greatest Knight: William the Marshal		60 min	Documentary about the adventures, life and times of William Marshal - an eminent English knight who fought in battles across Europe and survived court intrigue and exile.	http://clickv.ie/w/lpSk

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Henry VIII and his ministers 1509–40



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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Episode 5: Henry VIII	Private Lives of the Monarchs	44 min	He is perhaps England's most famous monarch. Hear about Henry VIII's turbulent marriages and trysts, as well as his transformation from handsome prince to obese tyrant.	http://clickview.ie/w/8ySk
 Prince	Henry VIII: Mind of a Tyrant	60 min	Dr David Starkey examines the private life of the Tudor king. In this first episode he focuses on the monarch's childhood, exploring how the death of his brother and his role as the Duke of York helped shape his personality and his attitude to kingship.	http://clickview.ie/w/NySk
 Warrior	Henry VIII: Mind of a Tyrant	58 min	David Starkey examines the battles fought by the Tudor king during his early years in power, and his determination to emulate his father and become a major player in Europe. England's foreign disappointments were mirrored in the monarch's marriages, but his personal life later prompted him to make drastic changes that affected the kingdom.	http://clickview.ie/w/PySk
 Lover	Henry VIII: Mind of a Tyrant	58 min	Dr David Starkey uses the Vatican archives to trace the Tudor king's relationship with Anne Boleyn, and the impact it had on religion and the English monarchy. Henry's six-year struggle to obtain a Papal annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon and wed Anne resulted in a break with Rome, but the couple's union ended in tragedy.	http://clickview.ie/w/QySk
 Tyrant	Henry VIII: Mind of a Tyrant	47 min	Dr David Starkey concludes his biography of the monarch by examining Henry's transformation of the chronically weak English crown into an instrument of unprecedented power.	http://clickview.ie/w/TySk
 Katherine of Aragon	Six Wives with Lucy Worsley	71 min	Documentary drama series exploring the lives of Henry VIII's wives. Katherine of Aragon passionately defended her position as Henry pressed for annulment.	http://clickview.ie/w/W9Sk
 Anne Boleyn	Six Wives with Lucy Worsley	71 min	Henry leaves Katherine to marry Anne Boleyn, but rumours start to spread that she has been unfaithful.	http://clickview.ie/w/X9Sk

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	Anne of Cleves	Six Wives with Lucy Worsley	57 min	Henry annuls his marriage to Anne of Cleves and marries teenager Catherine Howard two weeks later.	http://clickv.ie/w/Y9Sk
	Execution of Anne Boleyn	Days that Shook the World	30 min	A look at Henry VIII's decision to have his second wife Anne Boleyn beheaded after just three years of marriage.	http://clickv.ie/w/czSk
	Henry VIII's Enforcer: The Rise and Fall of Thomas Cromwell		59 min	Diarmaid MacCulloch argues that Thomas Cromwell, rather than being a thug, was a pioneering statesman who laid the foundations for modern Britain.	http://clickv.ie/w/VySk
	Reformation: Europe's Holy War		59 min	Historian David Starkey tells the story of the Protestant Reformation and how it transformed the face of modern Europe, unleashing fundamentalism, terror and religious violence.	http://clickv.ie/w/gASk
	England's Reformation: Three Books That Changed a Nation		60 min	How books by Tyndale, Cranmer and Foxe defined the Reformation in England.	http://clickv.ie/w/iASk
	A Man for All Seasons		118 min	Multi-award winning historical drama first broadcast in 1966 about Sir Thomas More's refusal to acknowledge Henry VIII's break with the Roman Catholic Church.	http://clickv.ie/w/IOTk
	Episode 6	Tudor Monastery Farm	59 min	Historians run a farm in West Sussex as it would have been in 1500. The team recreate the winter harvest and look at how Henry VIII's Dissolution changed farming life forever.	http://clickv.ie/w/PASk

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Early Elizabethan England 1558–88





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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Queen Elizabeth I: A Timewatch Guide	Timewatch	59 min	Vanessa Collingridge examines the life of Elizabeth Tudor - her upbringing, her conflicts with her enemies and her victory against the Spanish Armada.	http://clickv.ie/w/aLNk
 Elizabeth		117 min	Historical drama. Cate Blanchett stars as Queen Elizabeth I in this multi-Bafta-award-winning exploration of the 16th-century monarch's early years. Directed by Shekhar Kapur.	http://clickv.ie/w/fLNk
 All episodes	Elizabeth I	45 min/episode	Docu-drama starring Lily Cole as a young Elizabeth I, featuring dramatic reconstructions of key moments in her life. Presented by historians Suzannah Lipscomb and Dan Jones.	http://clickv.ie/w/cLNk
 Episode 3: Elizabeth I - The Golden Age	The Private Lives of the Tudors	44 min	Elizabeth I was the last monarch of the Tudor dynasty. Hear about her relationships, diet and power as Tracy Borman lifts the lid on the 'Virgin Queen'.	http://clickv.ie/w/gLNk
 Jane, Mary and Elizabeth	She Wolves: England's Early Queens	59 min	Helen Castor explores the lives of the Tudor queens Jane, Mary and Elizabeth, and how each struggled with wearing a crown that was made for a male head.	http://clickv.ie/w/aMNk
 Troubles at Home and Abroad: Mary, Queen of Scots	Elizabethan England	18 min	Murder, conspiracy, double-dealing, plotting, secret messages, trial and execution. This programme uncovers the bloody drama surrounding Elizabeth's cousin, and rival claimant to the throne, Mary, Queen of Scots. The action takes place in Scotland, England and has European implications. You decide - was Mary the architect of her own downfall or a tragic victim of circumstance?	http://clickv.ie/w/xQMk
 Bloody Queens: Elizabeth and Mary		59 min	Drama revealing the intimate and ultimately deadly relationship between Queen Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots, using the words of the two queens and their courtiers.	http://clickv.ie/w/GLNk
 Series 1, Episode 5: Project Britain	A History of Scotland	59 min	While Mary Queen of Scots plotted to usurp Elizabeth I and seize the throne of England, her son James dreamt of a more radical future: a Protestant Great Britain.	http://clickv.ie/w/HLNk

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 The Body of the Queen	A History of Britain by Simon Schama	46 min	Simon Schama examines the long, tangled relationship between Queen Elizabeth and her cousin Mary, Queen of Scots, who was executed by royal command in 1587.	http://clickv.ie/w/JtQk
 Troubles at Home and Abroad: Conflict with Spain	Elizabethan England	16 min	The 'Enterprise of England' was King Philip II's papal-backed Catholic crusade against Queen Elizabeth and Protestant England. This programme explores how events in the Netherlands and the New World contributed to this invasion. It investigates the tactics, strategies, weapons, vessels and key players involved in this mighty sixteenth century clash of nations, and uncovers the consequences of England's victory and Spain's defeat.	http://clickv.ie/w/uQMk
 Armada: 12 Days to Save England (BBC Learning Zone)	Armada: 12 Days to Save England	30 min	Aboard a yacht on the seas of the battle, sailor and historian Dan Snow describes the key characters, weapons and stories of the 12 days of the Armada threat.	http://clickv.ie/w/zQMk
 Episode 1: The Queen's Stand	Armada: 12 Days to Save England	59 min	Anita Dobson stars as Elizabeth I, and Dan Snow tells the story of how England came within a whisker of disaster in summer 1588.	http://clickv.ie/w/ZP9p
 Episode 2: The Battle for England	Armada: 12 Days to Save England	59 min	Dan Snow relives fierce sea battles and looks behind the scenes in the court of Elizabeth I as the Spanish fleet prepares for invasion.	http://clickv.ie/w/2QMk
 Episode 3: Endgame	Armada: 12 Days to Save England	59 min	Newly discovered documents reveal a remarkable web of misunderstandings that stopped the Spanish from invading.	http://clickv.ie/w/3QMk
 Episode 4: The Spanish Armada	Battlefield Britain	58 min	Peter and Dan Snow relive the first great sea battle in British history. Both experienced sailors, the father and son team show how the English navy tried to fend off the much bigger, much more heavily-armed ships of the Spanish Armada for 11 days in 1588.	http://clickv.ie/w/5QMk
 Tales of Tudor Travel: The Explorer's Handbook		29 min	A remarkable travel guide compiled from first hand records of Tudor seafarers in the 16th Century.	http://clickv.ie/w/SLNk
 Adventure and Exploration	Britain and the Sea	60 min	David Dimbleby sails the south west coast of England, exploring maritime art, architecture and history - including the story of Sir Francis Drake.	http://clickv.ie/w/yLNk
 The Time Traveller's Guide to Elizabethan England (Learning Zone)	The Time Traveller's Guide to Elizabethan England	59 min	A compilation of short films made for schools offering a unique travel guide. Dr Ian Mortimer takes us on a present-tense journey through the world of Queen Elizabeth I.	http://clickv.ie/w/jLNk
 Brave New World	The Time Traveller's Guide to Elizabethan England	59 min	Dr Ian Mortimer takes viewers on a journey through this golden age of English history. He explores a new section of Elizabethan society, the middle class.	http://clickv.ie/w/oLNk

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 The Rich	The Time Traveller's Guide to Elizabethan England	59 min	Dr Ian Mortimer navigates his way through the treacherous world of the Elizabethan upper classes, revealing how those who have the most also have the most to lose.	http://clickv.ie/w/pLNk
 The Common People	The Time Traveller's Guide to Elizabethan England	59 min	Dr. Ian Mortimer undertakes a present-tense journey through the world of Queen Elizabeth the First. This episode he looks at religion and everyday life.	http://clickv.ie/w/sLNk

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Spain and the 'New World' c1490–c1555



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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Episode 5: Age of Plunder	Andrew Marr's History of the World	59 min	The explosion of global capitalism began with Christopher Columbus stumbling across America while searching for China. While Europe tore itself apart in religious wars after the Reformation, the Spanish colonised the New World and brought back 10 trillion dollars' worth of gold and silver.	http://clickv.ie/w/JCSk
 Circumnavigation	Voyages of Discovery	61 min	Paul Rose reveals the story behind the first ever circumnavigation of the world, when Magellan set out 500 years ago to find the westward route to the Spice Islands.	http://clickv.ie/w/oOTk
 Episode 2: Cortes	Heroes and Villains	60 min	The Spanish adventurer Hernan Cortes is supposed to have taken the Aztec empire with a few soldiers and 16 horses. Can that be true?	http://clickv.ie/w/pOTk
 Montezuma		60 min	Dan Snow travels to Mexico to investigate the history, character and legacy of Montezuma, the last great ruler of the Aztecs of Central America.	http://clickv.ie/w/qOTk
 Foundations	The Inca: Masters of the Clouds	59 min	Dr Jago Cooper reassesses the achievements of the Inca Empire. He begins in Peru, where new evidence challenges preconceptions about its origins and significance.	http://clickv.ie/w/dDSk
 Clash of Empires	The Inca: Masters of the Clouds	59 min	Dr Jago Cooper travels from Peru to the far north of Inca territory in Ecuador to reveal how the great strengths of the empire became factors in its rapid demise.	http://clickv.ie/w/fDSk
 Episode 1: The Atlantic Slave Trade	Black People of the Americas	20 min	The Atlantic slave trade or transatlantic slave trade took place across the Atlantic Ocean from the 15th through to the 19th centuries. The vast majority of those enslaved that were transported to the New World, many on the triangular trade route and its Middle Passage, were West Africans from the central and western parts of the continent sold by other western Africans to western European slave traders, with a small minority being captured directly by the slave traders in coastal raids, and brought to the Americas.	http://clickv.ie/w/yESk

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British America 1713–83: empire and revolution



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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Series 3, Episode 4: Empire	David Starkey's Monarchy	44 min	How did the ascension of a German prince to the British throne in 1714 lead to the introduction of a prime minister? Find out as David Starkey reviews the rule of George I.	http://clickv.ie/w/hESk
 Episode 1: The Atlantic Slave Trade	Black People of the Americas	20 min	The Atlantic slave trade or transatlantic slave trade took place across the Atlantic Ocean from the 15th through to the 19th centuries. The vast majority of those enslaved that were transported to the New World, many on the triangular trade route and its Middle Passage, were West Africans from the central and western parts of the continent sold by other western Africans to western European slave traders, with a small minority being captured directly by the slave traders in coastal raids, and brought to the Americas.	http://clickv.ie/w/yESk
 Boston to Concord	Great American Railroad Journeys	30 min	Michael Portillo joins the Sons of Liberty aboard ship in Boston harbour. Will he help rebels jettison 112 crates of East India Company tea?	http://clickv.ie/w/xOTk
 Episode 10: The Smile of Reason	Civilisation	49 min	Kenneth Clark looks at the beginnings of revolutionary politics in the 18th Century. His theme takes him from great palaces like Blenheim and Versailles, to Edinburgh, and to the hills of Virginia where Thomas Jefferson made his home in the 1760s.	http://clickv.ie/w/aFSk

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The American West c1835–c1895








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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Episode 1: Mountains	How the Wild West Was Won with Ray Mears	60 min	How America's three great mountain ranges - the Appalachians, the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada - challenged the westward push of the early pioneers.	http://clickv.ie/w/bRMk
 Episode 2: Great Plains	How the Wild West Was Won with Ray Mears	60 min	Ray Mears learns how 500,000 square miles of flat, treeless grassland was the setting for Wild West stories of Indians, wagon trains and homesteaders.	http://clickv.ie/w/cRMk
 Episode 3: Deserts	How the Wild West Was Won with Ray Mears	60 min	Ray Mears looks at how the landscapes of America's five great deserts challenged the westward push of the early pioneers.	http://clickv.ie/w/dRMk
 Episode 2	American History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley	59 min	Lucy Worsley shows how the history of the American Civil War has been used and abused.	http://clickv.ie/w/fRMk
 The First Modern War	How Wars Began	29 min	Historians consider The American Civil War to be the first modern war. They regard it to be the first modern war because it was the first war where widespread use of mechanized and electrified devices like railroad trains, aerial observation, telegraph, photography, torpedoes, mines, ironclad ships and rifles occurred.	http://clickv.ie/w/gRMk

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Edexcel GCSE History

Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941–91



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Supplementary viewing



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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Episode 11: Red Star: The Soviet Union (1941–1943)	The World at War	43 min	Following Operation Barbarossa in 1941, the Soviet Army battled the Germans almost alone for two years. Laurence Olivier recounts their efforts as the epic series continues.	http://clickv.ie/w/AHsk
 The Day When Stalin Won the War	The Day When...	45 min	Hear how Joseph Stalin used his political cunning to become master of a large chunk of Europe after World War II - to the chagrin of Winston Churchill and Franklin D Roosevelt.	http://clickv.ie/w/CHSk
 Stalin and the Bomb	Soviets	24 min	Part of a 1999 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/YVMk
 1945–1953: From World War to Cold War		44 min	Hear how the Yalta Conference of 1945 - in which Franklin D Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin met to discuss Europe's post-war reorganisation - led to enmity.	http://clickv.ie/w/DVMk
 Berlin: 1945–1948	History File	25 min	Part of a 2000 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/JGsk
 Strange Days: Cold War Britain (Learning Zone)	Strange Days: Cold War Britain	29 min	Historian Dominic Sandbrook takes us back to the strange years of the Cold War in this version made specifically for schools.	http://clickv.ie/w/ZVMk
 Part 1: 1945–1961	The Cold War	36 min	The Cold War began after Europe was divided-up following World War II at the Yalta and Potsdam conferences, but ideological differences between capitalism and communism alienated former allies. The Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, and the Berlin Blockade created greater distrust.	http://clickv.ie/w/FVMk
 Cold War in Europe and Asia	The Cold War	17 min	This program traces the development and collapse of successive alliances and conflicts in Europe and Asia that culminate in the struggle against the much feared spread of Communism. Excellent summaries of post-World War II events between Europe's Eastern and Western blocs, the rise of Mao Tse Tung in China and the causes of the Korean and Vietnam wars are presented.	http://clickv.ie/w/JVMk
 Selling Ideologies - Cold War Propaganda	The Cold War	17 min	In this program, we encounter the ultimate weapons wielded in the Cold War – propaganda and disinformation. An engaging investigation of the prevailing propaganda themes and messages over the course of the Cold War and the role played by film, television and print media.	http://clickv.ie/w/X6Qk

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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Hungary: 1956	History File	24 min	Part of a 2000 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/TVMk
 U2 and the Arms Race: 1956–1960	History File	23 min	Part of a 2000 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/a7Qk
 Episode 2: Vienna 1961	Summits	60 min	David Reynolds uncovers the story of three summit meetings that shaped the modern world. How Kennedy and Khrushchev's meeting in Vienna in 1961 nearly led to world war.	http://clickv.ie/w/eHsk
 The Berlin Wall: The Night the Iron Curtain Closed		45 min	Chilling documentary that reveals how the famous Berlin Wall came to be. In August, 1961, three million Berliners woke up to discover their world had been thrown into chaos.	http://clickv.ie/w/MVMk
 Cuban Missile Crisis: 1962	History File	23 min	Part of a 2000 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/UVMk
 Ich bin ein Berliner	Berlin	58 min	The life and character of Berliners have been defined by a struggle for freedom. In 1963, President Kennedy declared that all free men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin.	http://clickv.ie/w/xHsk
 The Secret Life of the Berlin Wall		89 min	Documentary exploring the story of the Berlin Wall, uncovering a world of flawed heroes and heroic villains, compromised victories and sad defeats.	http://clickv.ie/w/3Hsk
 Moscow 1980: The Cold War Olympics		31 min	Steve Cram recalls how the Moscow Olympics of 1980 came to symbolise the intensity of the Cold War. As politics and sport collided head on, athletes faced tough dilemmas.	http://clickv.ie/w/6Hsk
 Episode 3: Geneva 1985	Summits	60 min	David Reynolds uncovers the story of three summit meetings that shaped the modern world. He sees how Reagan and Gorbachev helped ensure a peaceful end to the Cold War.	http://clickv.ie/w/fHsk

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Conflict in the Middle East 1945–95







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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 The Six-Day War: Censored Voices	Storyville	80 min	Taped interviews with returning Israeli soldiers after the Six-Day War of 1967. Contains some strong language and some upsetting scenes.	http://clickv.ie/w/SISk
 Olympic Massacre: One Day in September	Storyville	95 min	Oscar-winning documentary recounting the story of the terrorist kidnapping of 12 Israeli athletes during the 1972 Munich Olympics. Contains upsetting scenes.	http://clickv.ie/w/MISk
 Middle East 1973	20th Century Battlefields	46 min	Peter and Dan Snow unpick the fighting that broke out in 1973. Known by some as the Yom Kippur War, it was the biggest military clash between Arabs and Israelis.	http://clickv.ie/w/aJSk
 Gulf 1991	20th Century Battlefields	46 min	Dan and Peter Snow go to Kuwait to tell the story of Operation Desert Storm. Dan describes how revolutionary new technology like stealth bombers and precision-guided bombs would make this a battle unlike anything anyone had seen before.	http://clickv.ie/w/AWMk

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Russia and the Soviet Union 1917–41



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Supplementary viewing



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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 The Road to Revolution	Empire of the Tsars: Russia with Lucy Worsley	59 min	Lucy investigates how the family's grip on Russia unravelled in the years 1825-1918.	http://clickv.ie/w/vRMk
 Russia 1917: Countdown to Revolution		59 min	The story of Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin over the 245 days that brought them to power. As the history unfolds, writers and historians debate the meaning of the Russian Revolution.	http://clickv.ie/w/yRMk
  The Russian Revolution	World Revolutions for Students	25 min	Years of war and political and economic oppression destroyed the faith of the struggling Russian people in their once-beloved leader. This led to the October Revolution, which established the world's first Communist government. The Russian Revolution depicts how this movement was driven by the new ideas and strong leadership of Vladimir Lenin, and was sparked by the hope for a better way of life.	http://clickv.ie/w/zRMk
 Bolshevik Russia	Soviets	23 min	Part of a 1999 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/ORMk
  Leon Trotsky		34 min	Leon Trotsky is considered one of the most controversial revolutionary figures of his time. Was he a practical revolutionary or a naive idealist?	http://clickv.ie/w/1RMk
 Stalin Takes Control	Soviets	23 min	Part of a 1999 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/2RMk
  The Establishment of Dictatorships	The Rise of Dictators	16 min	Why were the years between the two world wars marked by some of the most brutal and politically radical dictatorships in European history? This programme examines the economic, political, and social climate in the aftermath of World War I, which gave rise to a number of dictatorships. It is an excellent resource for students of modern European history and politics.	http://clickv.ie/w/3RMk
 The Rise of Stalin in the Soviet Union	The Rise of Dictators	6 min	Mussolini in Italy, Stalin in Russia, Franco in Spain, Tōjō in Japan and Hitler in Germany – all presided over harsh, brutal regimes. Ideologies differed, but their methods of enforcing and maintaining power were similar. This programme studies the rise, decline, and legacy of Stalin after World War I. It is an ideal resource for students of modern European history and politics.	http://clickv.ie/w/4RMk

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Life in Stalin's Russia	Soviets	23 min	Part of a 1999 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/5RMk
 World War Two: 1941 and the Man of Steel		90 min	Using original telegrams and original documents, David Reynolds re-assesses Stalin's role in the struggle between Germany and Russia in WWII.	http://clickv.ie/w/6RMk
 Episode 2: Dictatorship	Tunes for Tyrants: Music and Power with Suzie Klein	59 min	Series exploring the politics of music. Suzy Klein investigates how Hitler and Stalin used and abused music for ideological ends.	http://clickv.ie/w/8RMk
 Revolution: New Art for a New World		80 min	A documentary that encapsulates a momentous period in the history of Russia and the Russian avant-garde, drawing on the collections of major Russian cultural institutions.	http://clickv.ie/w/BRMk

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Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918–39










Essential viewing



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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Episode 10: War Without End	The First World War	50 min	Ten-part series based on the book by Hew Strachan. The final part explores the war's last few months, the armistice and the Treaty of Versailles.	http://clickv.ie/w/FRMk
 Episode 2: Dream and Machine	Art of Germany	59 min	Andrew Graham-Dixon continues his exploration of German art by looking at the tumultuous 19th century and early 20th century, and how artists were at the forefront of Germany's drive to become a single nation.	http://clickv.ie/w/GRMk
 The Establishment of Dictatorships	The Rise of Dictators	16 min	Why were the years between the two world wars marked by some of the most brutal and politically radical dictatorships in European history? This programme examines the economic, political, and social climate in the aftermath of World War I, which gave rise to a number of dictatorships. It is an excellent resource for students of modern European history and politics.	http://clickv.ie/w/JRMk
 The Rise of Hitler in Germany	The Rise of Dictators	7 min	Mussolini in Italy, Stalin in Russia, Franco in Spain, Tōjō in Japan and Hitler in Germany – all presided over harsh, brutal regimes. Ideologies differed, but their methods of enforcing and maintaining power were similar. This programme studies the rise, decline, and legacy of Hitler after World War I. It is an ideal resource for students of modern European history and politics.	http://clickv.ie/w/KRMk
 Episode 01: A New Germany (1933–1939)	The World at War	44 min	Legendary actor Laurence Olivier narrates the definitive series on World War II. Hear why Germany, stricken by defeat in WWI, looked to Adolf Hitler for hope.	http://clickv.ie/w/LRMk
 Episode 2	Hitler: The Rise and Fall	46 min	How did Hitler rise from right-wing crank to Germany's Messiah and Fuhrer by 1933? This episode explores his speech-making skills, pioneering spin and ruthlessness.	http://clickv.ie/w/MRMk
 Life in Hitler's Germany	History File	23 min	Part of a 1997 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time. Using evidence from five people who lived through the rise of National Socialism, we take a look at why Germany fell into the hands of Hitler.	http://clickv.ie/w/ORMk

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Nazi Germany: Opposition to Hitler	History File	24 min	Part of a 1997 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time. Using evidence from five people who lived through the rise of National Socialism, we take a look at why Germany fell into the hands of Hitler.	http://clickv.ie/w/PRMk
 Episode 1: Helped into Power	The Nazis: A Warning from History	48 min	Documentary series examining how Hitler came to power. By January 1933, Germany had voted for a chancellor who was openly opposed to democracy.	http://clickv.ie/w/SRMk
 Episode 2: Chaos and Consent	The Nazis: A Warning from History	48 min	This programme reveals the degree of voluntary support ordinary Germans gave the Gestapo.	http://clickv.ie/w/TRMk
 Episode 1: Building the Brand	Hitler's Propaganda Machine	44 min	The use of propaganda in Hitler's Nazi regime. The first episode examines the Fuehrer's fascination with propaganda, which began in the trenches of the First World War.	http://clickv.ie/w/VRMk
 Episode 2: Power and Persuasion	Hitler's Propaganda Machine	44 min	The decade of propaganda, impassioned speeches, newspaper articles, posters and campaigning that led to one moment - Hitler being made Chancellor of Germany in 1933.	http://clickv.ie/w/QMSk
 Episode 3: Why We Fight	Hitler's Propaganda Machine	44 min	As Hitler's ambitions spread beyond Germany, the world drew toward another great war. This one would be fought on many battlefields and for the hearts and minds of the people.	http://clickv.ie/w/SMSk
 Part 1: Struggle for Power	The SS	49 min	A history of Hitler's elite soldiers, known as the Schutzstaffel or SS. Part 1 recalls the 1934 execution of Sturmabteilung (SA) leaders that Hitler saw as a threat. The event is known as The Night of the Long Knives.	http://clickv.ie/w/QRMk
 Episode 1: Josef Goebbels	True Evil: The Making of a Nazi	45 min	A profile of Josef Goebbels, the failed academic who channelled his resentment into a hatred of Jewish people, and enthusiastically led the Nazi campaign of terror.	http://clickv.ie/w/YMSk
 The Nazi Olympics		52 min	The story of the Berlin 1936 Olympic Games, and how the Nazis worked together with the IOC to transform a small sports event into the modern Olympics.	http://clickv.ie/w/mNSk
 Nazi Wives		45 min	The role of women in the Third Reich is much debated. Were they complicit in Hitlerism or merely the victims of Nazi propaganda and policy?	http://clickv.ie/w/tNSk
 Nazi Germany: Youth in Hitler's Germany	History File	23 min	Part of a 1997 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time. Using evidence from five people who lived through the rise of National Socialism, we take a look at why Germany fell into the hands of Hitler.	http://clickv.ie/w/NRMk

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Mao's China 1945–76





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 The Great Leap Forward	Communist China	13 min	When Mao Zedong announced China's second five-year plan, the Great Leap Forward, in 1958, it promised a Communist utopia based on collectivisation of agricultural property and production, and industrialisation where everyday citizens produced steel. But, as this video reveals, it spawned a catastrophic, widespread famine. The Party had to change tack, and Mao's influence waned, but for how long...?	http://clickv.ie/w/0KSk
 Mao's Red Guard	Communist China	11 min	China's economy improved in the early 1960s, but Chairman Mao didn't like what he saw – an emerging market economy and privileged ruling class. This video looks at the Red Guard – created when Mao mobilised China's youth to lead a cultural revolution by fanatically attacking the Four Olds – old ideas, culture, customs and habits – and brutally reinforcing a purer Communist ideology by whatever means it took.	http://clickv.ie/w/2KSk
 Mao's Cult of Personality	Communist China	10 min	Like other dictators, Mao Zedong exploited his own personality cult. This video examines the grip he had on China's population during the fear and hysteria of the Cultural Revolution. Citizens carried copies of his 'Little Red Book', attended study classes on Mao Zedong Thought and acquired vast quantities of Mao merchandise that glorified their leader. Ironically, religion was outlawed and replaced by the godlike adoration of Chairman Mao.	http://clickv.ie/w/1KSk
 Episode 2	China: Triumph and Turmoil	47 min	In the second episode, Niall Ferguson asks how China manages to live under a Communist system of government but with a capitalist economy, and examines the legacy of Chairman Mao.	http://clickv.ie/w/5KSk

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The USA 1954–75: conflict at home and abroad

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 A History of the Civil Rights Movement		27 min	"Separate but Equal" facilities and Jim Crow laws provide the realistic backdrop for this insightful and moving visual history of the Civil Rights Movement.	http://clickv.ie/w/4UMk
 Civil Rights	Race in the 20th Century	19 min	A 1999 programme broadcast as part of History in Action on Channel 4 Schools.	http://clickv.ie/w/5UMk
 Rosa Parks	True Stories	12 min	On December 1, 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to make room for a white passenger. Parks' action was not the first of its kind to impact the civil rights issue. Parks' civil disobedience had the effect of sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott.	http://clickv.ie/w/IOSk
 Martin Luther King and the March on Washington	Martin Luther King	59 min	Documentary commemorating the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's March on Washington, speaking to the people who organised and participated in it.	http://clickv.ie/w/6UMk
 Selma (2014)		119 min	David Oyelowo stars as Martin Luther King Jr, chronicling his campaign for equal rights. Contains some strong language and some violence.	http://clickv.ie/w/zOSk
 Black Power Salute		59 min	Film looking at the moment during the 1968 Olympics when athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos, raised their fists to support the Black Panther movement. Some strong language.	http://clickv.ie/w/7UMk
 Martin Luther King: The Assassination Tapes		46 min	Television, radio and print footage surrounding the assassination of Martin Luther King collected by scholars at the University of Memphis is chronologically reassembled.	http://clickv.ie/w/7OSk
 All episodes	The Vietnam War	55 min/episode	Ten years in the making, this immersive series tells the epic story of the Vietnam War, bringing the war and the chaotic epoch it encompassed viscerally to life.	http://clickv.ie/w/2PSk
 Vietnam 1968	20th Century Battlefields	42 min	Peter and Dan Snow recount the major military combats of the last century. Here, they trace the Tet Offensive of 1968, a turning point for US marines in the Vietnam War.	http://clickv.ie/w/GOSk

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 How Vietnam Was Lost	Storyville	78 min	Whilst a US battalion unwittingly marched into a Viet Cong ambush which killed 61 young men, half a world away angry students at the University of Wisconsin were protesting the presence of Dow Chemical recruiters on campus.	http://clickv.ie/w/5PSk
 Last Days in Vietnam	Storyville	97 min	Documentary which combines astonishing footage of the US evacuation of Saigon (aka Operation Frequent Wind) in April 1975 with contemporary reflections from those who were there.	http://clickv.ie/w/7PSk

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