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Titles contained within this booklet have been compiled to support the teaching and learning of the OCR GCSE History A specification. The playlists can be accessed by teachers as well as students wishing to guide their exam revision.

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China 1950–1981: The People and the State



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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/1KSk
 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/2KSk
 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
 China's Capitalist Revolution		89 min	Documentary arguing that Deng Xiaoping's capitalist revolution created today's China. Contains some upsetting scenes.	http://clickv.ie/w/peUk
 China's One Child Policy	On Assignment	10 min	One year after the end of China's one child policy, Debi Edward explores the impact of the controversial law and meets the women who now have the chance of having a second child.	http://clickv.ie/w/qeUk

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Germany 1925–1955: The People and the State

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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 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
 All episodes	Hitler: The Rise and Fall	46 min/episode	Series that tracks the birth, rise and ultimate demise of Hitler and the Nazi Party, the most terrifying political organization history has seen. How was Germany seduced by them? Was a whole nation under the spell of the Nazi Party? Did the hope of a better life quickly turn sour once the killing began?	http://clickv.ie/w/ZeUk
 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
 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

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 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/QR Mk
 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
 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
 All episodes	Auschwitz: The Nazis and the Final Solution	46 min/episode	Series that marked the 60th anniversary Auschwitz's liberation, telling the concentration camp's story through interviews with former inmates and guards and dramatic re-enactments.	http://clickv.ie/w/NoPk
 The Last Survivors		89 min	A landmark documentary about the last survivors of the Holocaust living in Britain today. Contains some upsetting scenes.	http://clickv.ie/w/RoPk
 The Day When Hitler Lost the War	The Day When...	45 min	Hear how Adolf Hitler's downfall began with the invasion of the Soviet Union in June 1941. Through archive documents, we learn how opening this Eastern Front doomed the Nazis.	http://clickv.ie/w/EeUk
 Episode 25: Reckoning (April 1945)	The World at War	45 min	Discover how the superpowers established a new political order at the end of World War II.	http://clickv.ie/w/NeUk
 Episode 3: In the Shadow of Hitler	Art of Germany	59 min	After the war the shadow of the Third Reich persisted, Germany remained divided and traumatised. How would artists deal with a past that everybody wanted to forget?	http://clickv.ie/w/afUk

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Poland 1956–1990: The People and the State





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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Young John Paul II: Witness to Evil		60 min	Drama-documentary charting five years which set Karol Wojtyla on the path to the Vatican. The horrors of Nazi occupation in Poland led him to study in secret to become a priest.	http://clickv.ie/w/wiUk
 Wałęsa: Man of Hope (2014)		114 min	Biopic of the Polish trade union leader Lech Wałęsa. In Polish and Italian with English subtitles. Contains some strong language.	http://clickv.ie/w/EfUk

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Russia 1928–1964: The People and the State



Essential viewing



Supplementary viewing



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 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
 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
 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
 Leningrad and the Orchestra that Defied Hitler		88 min	In the midst of terror in 1942, starving musicians performed Shostakovich's 7th Symphony.	http://clickv.ie/w/mgUk
 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.	http://clickv.ie/w/pgUk
 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

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South Africa 1960–1994: The People and the State



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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Witness: Apartheid, South Africa	Class Clips	59 min	The programme uses first person testimony and news reports to look at apartheid in South Africa from 1948 to 1994.	http://clickv.ie/w/auVk
 The South African Anti-Apartheid Movement	World Revolutions for Students	24 min	In The South African Anti-Apartheid Movement, rare footage, detailed primary accounts and expert commentary will provide students with a comprehensive look at the colonial history of South Africa, the devastating social, political and economic effects of apartheid, and the difficult, sometimes violent struggle of Mandela and the African National Congress to eliminate apartheid and create a free, democratic society.	http://clickv.ie/w/RAV/k
 All episodes	The World Against Apartheid: Have You Heard from Johannesburg?	59 min/episode	Series exploring how a violent and racist government was destroyed by the concerted efforts of men and women working on multiple fronts inside and outside South Africa for more than three decades	http://clickv.ie/w/XgUk
 Mandela's Unsung Heroes		88 min	Award-winning documentary celebrating the centenary of Nelson Mandela's birth with a look back at the Rivonia Trial, which led to Mandela's imprisonment.	http://clickv.ie/w/WgUk
 Nelson Mandela: The Fight for Freedom		57 min	David Dimbleby presents a look back at Nelson Mandela's life including interviews he conducted with Mandela in 2003.	http://clickv.ie/w/qhUk
 Mandela, the Myth and Me	Storyville	76 min	Documentary about Nelson Mandela's legacy, featuring interviews with those who knew him, and those who criticised him. Contains some strong language and disturbing scenes.	http://clickv.ie/w/nhUk
 South Africa in Pictures		58 min	Rankin explores how South Africa's photographers have captured this complex nation. Contains some strong language.	http://clickv.ie/w/ihUk
 Nelson Mandela	Global Icons	3 min	In this short animation, students learn how civil rights lawyer, activist and politician Nelson Mandela helped end apartheid in South Africa and brought a divided country together through showing respect for difference.	http://clickv.ie/w/gZ7p

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The USA 1919–1948: The People and the State



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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
  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
  Ossian Sweet and the Ku Klux Klan	The Divided States of America	8 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. The most dramatic moments in the fight for equality are presented, from the historic case of Plessy v. Ferguson to roles of many prominent African Americans like Booker T. Washington, Marcus Garvey, A. Philip Randolph, Thurgood Marshall, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. Interviews with Andrew Young, James Farmer and other leading authorities illuminate the enduring spirit that inspired bus boycotts, lunch counter sit-ins, freedom marches and demonstrations.	http://clickv.ie/w/CyNp
  Suffragettes and Flappers	The Divided States of America	8 min	The deepest and most historically consistent division between people in America has been along racial lines. This story of how medical doctor Ossian Sweet came to be on trial after shootings at his Detroit home in September 1925, helps to illustrate and explain the strong racial tensions at this time, as well as the activities and beliefs of the Ku Klux Klan.	http://clickv.ie/w/DyNp
  The Sacco and Vanzetti Case	The Divided States of America	9 min	The late 19th and early 20th centuries saw huge numbers of immigrants travelling to the United States. This video explores American attitudes towards immigrants through the case of the 1920 Sacco and Vanzetti murder trial, highlighting the treatment of immigrant workers, Italian anarchists and World War I, anti-immigrant legislation and immigration quotas. Informative and evocative viewing for senior secondary history students.	http://clickv.ie/w/EyNp

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 The Scopes 'Monkey' Trial	The Divided States of America	8 min	Divisions between science and religion, and conservatism and progressivism, have been present in American society since the 19th century. This video explores the conflict between religious beliefs and scientific theory through the case of the 1925 Scopes trial, touching on Darwin's theory of evolution, the rise of fundamentalism and the continued debate around the teaching of evolution in the classroom. Informative and evocative viewing for senior secondary history students.	http://clickv.ie/w/FyNp
 Boom and Bust	American Voices: A History of America 1917-1941	24 min	Part of a 2001 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/pUMk
 Hard Times	American Voices: A History of America 1917-1941	24 min	Part of a 2001 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/qUMk
 New Deal	American Voices: A History of America 1917-1941	24 min	Part of a 2001 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/sUMk
 Black America	American Voices: A History of America 1917-1941	24 min	Part of a 2001 BBC Schools History File documentary series that stands the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/tUMk
 Crime and Prohibition	Time to Remember	29 min	Material from the 50s newsreel documentary series Time to Remember tells the story of the media circus that surrounded gangsters and Depression-era criminals.	http://clickv.ie/w/wUMk
 The Day When Roosevelt Chose War	The Day When...	45 min	Would Germany have triumphed in World War II had America not entered the conflict? We revisit that fateful day in December 1941 when Franklin D Roosevelt declared war.	http://clickv.ie/w/xUMk
 Episode 07: On Our Way: U.S.A. (1939–1942)	The World at War	44 min	Recalling America's entry into World War II after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the great Laurence Olivier sheds more light on the deadliest conflict in history.	http://clickv.ie/w/cjUk
 World War Two: 1945 & the Wheelchair President		89 min	David Reynolds re-examines the war leadership of American president Franklin Roosevelt.	http://clickv.ie/w/yUMk

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The USA 1945–1974: The People and the State










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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

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Migration to Britain

c.1000 to c.2010

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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 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. The previous Viking raids had weakened the English, and so in 1066 the Battle of Hastings proved to be a turning point in English history, as the Normans coming from Normandy in France, won the battle and thus became the new rulers over the British Isles for the next 300 years.	https://clickv.ie/w/QW7p
 The Norman Yoke	The Great British Story: A People's History	59 min	Michael Wood explores how foreign invaders shaped Britain after 1066, as well as the struggle for rights across medieval Britain.	http://clickv.ie/w/bdNk
 Episode 1: Profit and Loss	Britain's Forgotten Slave Owners	59 min	Historian David Olusoga uncovers the untold stories of Britain's slave owners.	http://clickv.ie/w/kdNk
 Episode 2: The Price of Freedom	Britain's Forgotten Slave Owners	59 min	David Olusoga traces the bitter propaganda war waged between the pro-slavery lobby and the abolitionists.	http://clickv.ie/w/mdNk
 Expansion in the Modern World	Civilisations and Ideas	16 min	Across the world, social, economic and industrial advances during the period between 1750 and 1918 triggered mass movements of people across numerous continents. Beginning with the impact of the Agricultural and Industrial Revolutions on population growth and colonial expansion, this programme explores the nature, extent and experiences of immigrants and settlers, convicts and slaves.	http://clickv.ie/w/sdNk
 Episode 1	The Birth of Empire: The East India Company	59 min	Dan Snow travels through India in the footsteps of the company that revolutionised British lifestyles and laid the foundations for today's global trading systems.	http://clickv.ie/w/tdNk
 Episode 2	The Birth of Empire: The East India Company	59 min	Dan Snow traces the rise and fall of the East India Company, and reveals how the British government controlled the East India Company and helped it to create an empire.	http://clickv.ie/w/udNk

OCR GCSE History A Migration to Britain c.1000 to c.2010

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Migration and Emigration	Britain 1750–1900	20 min	How industrialisation changed the day-to-day lives of the British people.	http://clickv.ie/w/wdNk
 Industry and Empire	The Great British Story: People's History	59 min	Michael Wood uncovers the extraordinary tale of the Industrial Revolution which turned Britain into the world's first industrial society. Michael looks at the social progress of the late Victorian age and the migrations which took vast numbers of ordinary people from all over the British Isles to the farthest corners of the globe	http://clickv.ie/w/02Vk
 The Empire of Good Intentions	A History of Britain by Simon Schama	60 min	How the liberal politics and free-market economics of the British Empire unravelled, leading to the potato famine in Ireland and mutiny in India.	http://clickv.ie/w/xdNk
 Migration	Race in the 20th Century	19 min	Part of Channel 4's History in Action educational programming. A 1999 series that has stood the test of time.	http://clickv.ie/w/U2Vk
 Immigration: The Inconvenient Truth	Dispatches	48 min	Presented by Rageh Omaar, himself a native of Somalia who settled in Britain with his parents as a child, this investigation of modern immigration took as its (unhelpful) starting point the question: "Was Enoch Powell right?"	http://clickv.ie/w/W2Vk
 All episodes	Soon Gone: A Windrush Chronicle	14 min/episode	Monologues that reveal the hopes, desires, achievements, shattered dreams and broken promises of a single fictionalised Afro-Caribbean family over four generations.	http://clickv.ie/w/0dNk
 All episodes	Bradford: City of Dreams	59 min/episode	Bradford was once one of the richest cities in Britain and it has always been a magnet for economic migrants. From the Irish rural poor who came to work in the mills in the 1800s, via German Jewish merchants who traded in cloth at the turn of the 19th century and on through the waves of Asian immigration in the second half of the 20th century. But rising from the ashes of this industrial collapse there is a new breed of Bradfordians who, with a mix of Yorkshire grit, 21st-century nous and plenty of chutzpah are managing to fulfill their dreams.	http://clickv.ie/w/G2Vk
 All episodes	Back in Time for Brixton	59 min/episode	Documentary following a family who give up their modern lives for one summer to experience what life was like for Caribbeans who immigrated to Britain in the postwar period.	http://clickv.ie/w/GcNk
 A Divided Europe & Immigration	Democracy in Action	59 min	The impact of the Berlin Wall and life under Communism, European Union migration and wider immigration to the UK.	http://clickv.ie/w/epNk
 Britain & Europe: The Immigration Question		59 min	Mishal Husain investigates migration within the EU, including the impact of immigration on the UK and the advantages for Brits living abroad.	http://clickv.ie/w/gpNk

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Power: Monarchy and Democracy in Britain c.1000 to 2014











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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 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
 Episode 1: Alfred of Wessex	King Alfred and the Anglo-Saxons	59 min	Michael Wood tells the story of King Alfred the Great and his children and grandson. Alfred fights a desperate guerrilla war in the marshes of Somerset.	http://clickv.ie/w/t3Vvk
 All episodes	1066: A Year to Conquer England	59 min/episode	Drama-documentary series. Dan Snow explores the political intrigues and family betrayals between the Vikings, Anglo-Saxons and Normans that led to war.	http://clickv.ie/w/B3Vvk
 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/RcNk
 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/ncNk
 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
 Nations	A History of Britain by Simon Schama	46 min	The historian tells the story of Edward I - known to many as the villainous king in the Hollywood film Braveheart - who tried to force English rule on Scotland and Wales.	http://clickv.ie/w/4tQk
 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://clickv.ie/w/vcNk

OCR GCSE History A Power: Monarchy and Democracy in Britain c.1000 to 2014

Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 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/xCNk
 Cromwell		134 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/0cNk
 The Wars of the Roses	British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley	59 min	Lucy explores British history as a concoction of fibs and stories manipulated by whoever was in power. This episode debunks the foundation myth of the Tudors.	http://clickv.ie/w/X3Vk
 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
 Series 3, Episode 2: The Glorious Revolution	David Starkey's Monarchy	50 min	The English revolution of 1688 saw William of Orange topple incumbent royal James II. David Starkey reveals how our constitutional monarchy evolved from this.	http://clickv.ie/w/b4Vk
 Series 2, Episode 4: Boyne	War Walks	29 min	Richard Holmes visits the site of the Battle of the Boyne, the defeat of James II by William III in 1690, and shows how the battle could have been over before it was fought.	http://clickv.ie/w/d4Vk
 Britain 1750–1900: Protest	History File	19 min	Descriptions of the various protest movements that emerged during the period of the industrial revolution in Britain from History File.	http://clickv.ie/w/7cNk
 Modern British History	Bitesize	120 min	Exam revision programme focusing on the Liberal reforms, women's suffrage, the General Strike, the Depression, the Home Front 1939–1945 and the welfare state.	http://clickv.ie/w/BcNk
 Emmeline Pankhurst: The Making of a Militant		29 min	Documentary which looks at the loves, losses and political passions that transformed Emmeline Pankhurst into a militant activist and the leader of the suffragettes.	http://clickv.ie/w/EcNk
 Episode 4: The Suffragettes	Tales from the Old Bailey	15 min	Factual drama series drawing on the archives of the Old Bailey online project. Suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst stands accused of damage to property. May, 1912.	http://clickv.ie/w/FcNk
 Suffragette Allies		40 min	Suffrage campaigns were led by women, but some men, such as activist Fred Pethick-Lawrence, who was put in gaol, and MPs John Stuart Mill and Keir Hardie, played supporting roles.	http://clickv.ie/w/DcNk
 All episodes	Andrew Marr's History of Modern Britain	59 min/episode	Andrew Marr presents a history of Britain from the end of the Second World War to the uncharted waters of the post-Thatcher era.	http://clickv.ie/w/w4Vk
 The Miners' Strike and Me		50 min	Documentary marking the 30th anniversary of the 1984 miners' strike, one of the bitterest industrial disputes in British history, with stories from both sides of the conflict.	http://clickv.ie/w/HcNk

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 All episodes	Tory! Tory! Tory!	59 min/ episode	Series exploring the history of the people and ideas behind what became known as Thatcherism.	http://clickv. ie/w/74Vk
 Episode 2: Margaret Thatcher	Leadership Reflections	41 min	In the second programme focusing on six of the most significant prime ministers of the last 50 years, journalist Steve Richards looks at the leadership of Margaret Thatcher.	http://clickv. ie/w/94Vk

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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
 Series 1, Episode 1: The First Viking Raid	Viking Dead	45 min	Lindisfarne was a peaceful holy island, until the Vikings arrived. Tim Sutherland joins archaeologists as they uncover the realities of the Viking raid	http://clickv.ie/w/X5Vk
 Conquest	A History of Britain by Simon Schama	59 min	This episode covers the years between 1000 and 1087. The previous Viking raids had weakened the English, and so in 1066 the Battle of Hastings proved to be a turning point in English history, as the Normans coming from Normandy in France, won the battle and thus became the new rulers over the British Isles for the next 300 years.	http://clickv.ie/w/35Nk
 All episodes	Chivalry And Betrayal: The Hundred Years War	59 min/episode	Dr Janina Ramirez follows the momentous and nation-shaping war between England and France.	http://clickv.ie/w/a6Vk
 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
 All episodes	Armada: 12 Days to Save England	59 min/episode	Dan Snow takes to the sea to tell the story of how England came within a whisker of disaster in summer 1588.	http://clickv.ie/w/46Vk

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 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
 Wars of the Roses: A Time Team Special	Time Team	48 min	Tony Robinson's investigation into the Battle of Bosworth challenges the understanding of this iconic Wars of the Roses battle and the entire nature of medieval English warfare.	http://clickv.ie/w/o6Vk
 Episode 3	The First Georgians: The German Kings Who Made Britain	62 min	Lucy Worsley shows how Britain's imported German dynasty fought the French, the Jacobites and each other, all at the same time.	http://clickv.ie/w/y6Vk
 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
 Conflict in the Modern World: Origins of World War 1 and 2		25 min	This programme shows key moments from 20th century history brought to life with original footage and clear, accessible commentary. It is divided into three sections: the Origins of World War I, Versailles and the League of Nations, and The Rise of Germany.	http://clickv.ie/w/BUMk
 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
 All episodes	Britain's Great War	58 min/episode	In a landmark history series, Jeremy Paxman describes how the First World War transformed the lives of the British people, and helped shape modern Britain.	http://clickv.ie/w/e8Vk
 They Shall Not Grow Old		95 min	A documentary about World War I with never-before-seen footage to commemorate the centennial of the end of the war.	http://clickv.ie/w/aVMk
 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
 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
 Thatcher and the IRA: Dealing with Terror		60 min	A documentary examining Margaret Thatcher's strategy of dealing with the IRA, revealing a complex picture of a woman, fiercely combative in public, yet behind the scenes, was secretly dealing with those who tried to kill her.	http://clickv.ie/w/n8Vk
 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
 7/7 The Day The Bombs Came		59 min	On 7 July 2005 Britain experienced its first ever suicide attack. Four bombs exploded in central London, killing 52 people and injuring over 700. When Scotland Yard launched one of the biggest investigations in its history, another first was quickly uncovered: the suicide bombers were home-grown, they were young British men, attacking their own country.	http://clickv.ie/w/u8Vk

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The Impact of Empire on Britain 1688–c.1730

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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 All episodes	The First Georgians: The German Kings Who Made Britain	59 min/episode	Dr Lucy Worsley's series begins in 1714 when, to prevent the crown falling into the hands of a Catholic, Britain shipped in a ready-made royal family from Hanover. She shows how Britain's new ruling family fought the French, the Jacobites and each other, all at the same time.	http://clickv.ie/w/G9Vk
 Series 3, Episode 2: The Glorious Revolution	David Starkey's Monarchy	50 min	The English revolution of 1688 saw William of Orange topple incumbent royal James II. David Starkey reveals how our constitutional monarchy evolved from this.	http://clickv.ie/w/b4Vk
 Episode 2: The Glorious Revolution	British History's Biggest Fibs	59 min	Debunking the Glorious Revolution, when William of Orange stole the throne from James II.	http://clickv.ie/w/09Vk
 Episode 1	The Birth of Empire: The East India Company	59 min	Dan Snow travels through India in the footsteps of the company that revolutionised British lifestyles and laid the foundations for today's global trading systems.	http://clickv.ie/w/tdNk
 Episode 2	The Birth of Empire: The East India Company	59 min	Dan Snow traces the rise and fall of the East India Company, and reveals how the British government controlled the East India Company and helped it to create an empire.	http://clickv.ie/w/udNk
 Episode 1: Profit and Loss	Britain's Forgotten Slave Owners	59 min	In Barbados, David traces how Britain's slave economy emerged in the 17th century from just a few pioneering plantation owners.	http://clickv.ie/w/V9Vk
 Episode 1: The Atlantic Slave Trade	Black People of the Americas	20 min	The 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.	http://clickv.ie/w/hAVk

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The English Reformation

c.1520–c.1550












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Title	Series	Length	Description	Link
 Reformation: The Individual Before God	A History of Christianity	58 min	Diarmaid MacCulloch looks at the Reformation and sees how a faith based on obedience and authority led to one based on individual conscience.	http://clickv.ie/w/IBVvk
 Reformation: Chaos & Creation	Churches: How To Read Them	29 min	Richard Taylor tries to understand the intense medieval devotion to the Virgin Mary and how this fuelled the anger of the Reformation that followed.	http://clickv.ie/w/NBVvk
 Lost Worlds & New Worlds	The Great British Story: People's History	59 min	Michael Wood charts the Reformation, including the Cornish Prayer Book rebellion and the rise of industry and commerce.	http://clickv.ie/w/eCVk
 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/SBVk
 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/UBVk
 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://clickv.ie/w/QySk
 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://clickv.ie/w/W9Sk
 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
 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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Personal Rule to Restoration 1629–1660



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 King Charles I	The Stuarts: A Bloody Reign	44 mins	Professor Kate Williams studies the reign of Charles I, who succeeded James I in 1625. Hear how religious upheaval and authoritarian rule led to civil war and a beheading.	http://clickv.ie/w/2CVk
 All episodes	Civil War	28 mins/episode	Between 1642 and 1646 England was torn apart by a bloody civil war. On the one hand stood the supporters of King Charles I: the Royalists. On the other stood the supporters of the rights and privileges of Parliament: the Parliamentarians. Shortly before the war broke out, partisans of both sides began to apply an insulting nickname to their opponents, little dreaming that the two scornful labels which they had chosen for each other would ring down through the succeeding centuries.	http://clickv.ie/w/DCVk
 A King Without a Crown	The Stuarts	59 mins	After Charles I's disastrous attempt to militarily impose political and religious uniformity throughout his kingdoms, both the Stuart dynasty and its three kingdoms fell into an abyss. Charles lost his head and his family fled into exile.	http://clickv.ie/w/ECVk
 Cromwell		134 mins	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/ICVk

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