



A Level History Induction Tasks

Introduction: Hello! And thanks for choosing to apply for History A Level!

During your first year you will focus on two key topics:

- The Tudors 1485-1547 – a breadth study which looks at how the Tudors created a modern style of monarchy and brought England out from the Wars of the Roses into a fledging Empire.

AND...

- The Cold War c.1945-1963 – a depth study which charts the rise of cold war tensions between the superpowers of the USA and USSR. This topic will include case studies of conflict such as Berlin, Korea and Vietnam.

To get you into the swing of things we've put together two useful and really important summer tasks which you will need to bring completed to your first lesson in September. It's ESSENTIAL that you complete these tasks otherwise you'll start the year behind everyone else which won't give the best impression of your commitment to the course!

When you begin the course in September you will be given core text books and extensive reading lists. However, to prepare yourself prior to the commencement of your course we would recommend watching *The White Queen*, BBC or reading a *Very Short Introduction to The Tudors* by John Guy. For the Cold War, you would be wise to consider a *Very Short Introduction to The Cold War* by Robert McMahon and possibly *Cold War: For Forty Five Years the World Held Its Breath* by Jeremy Isaacs.

Year 12 History teachers will include: Mr Arkinstall, Miss Clements, Mr Hulm and Mrs Simson. We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks!

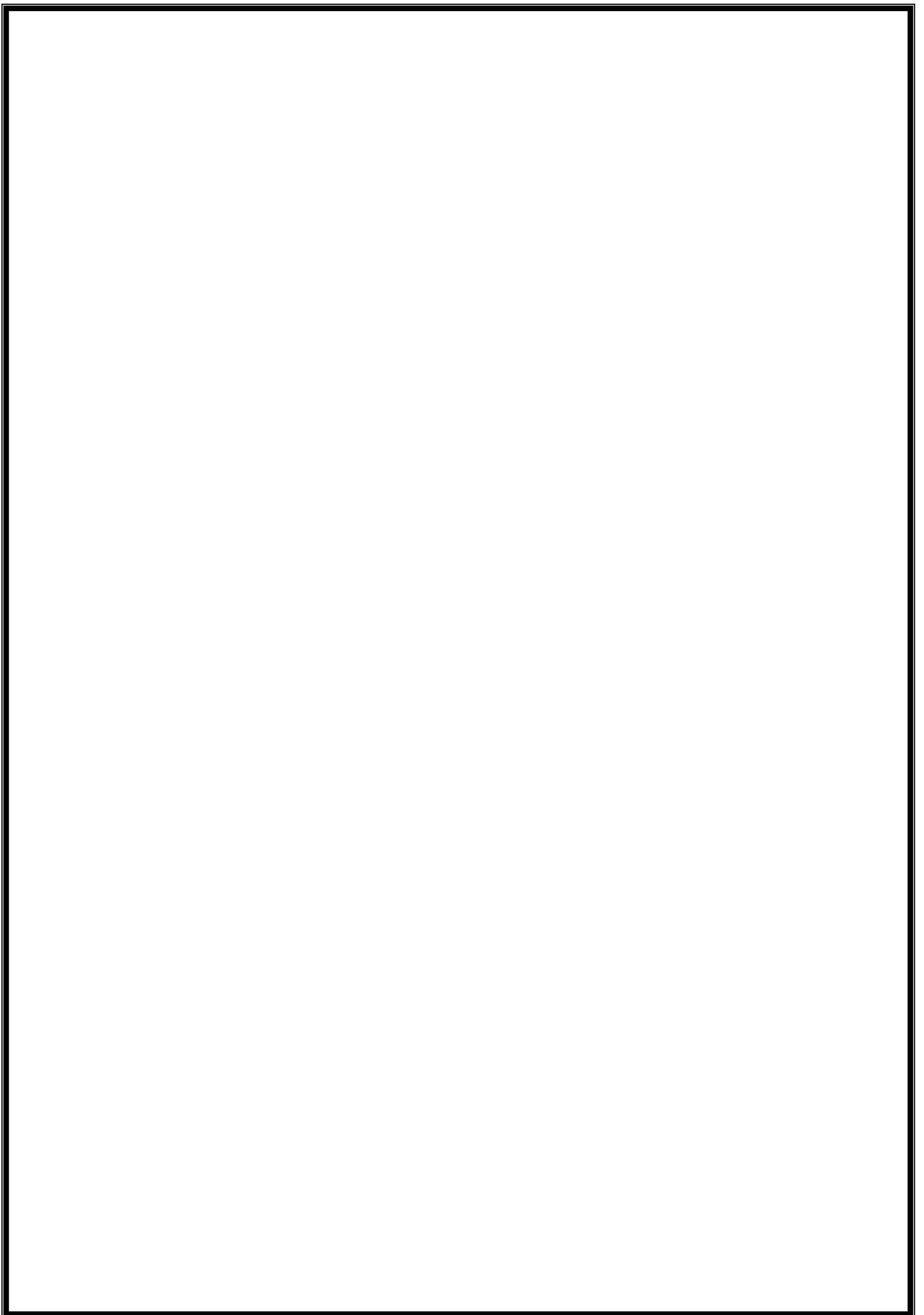
Task 1:

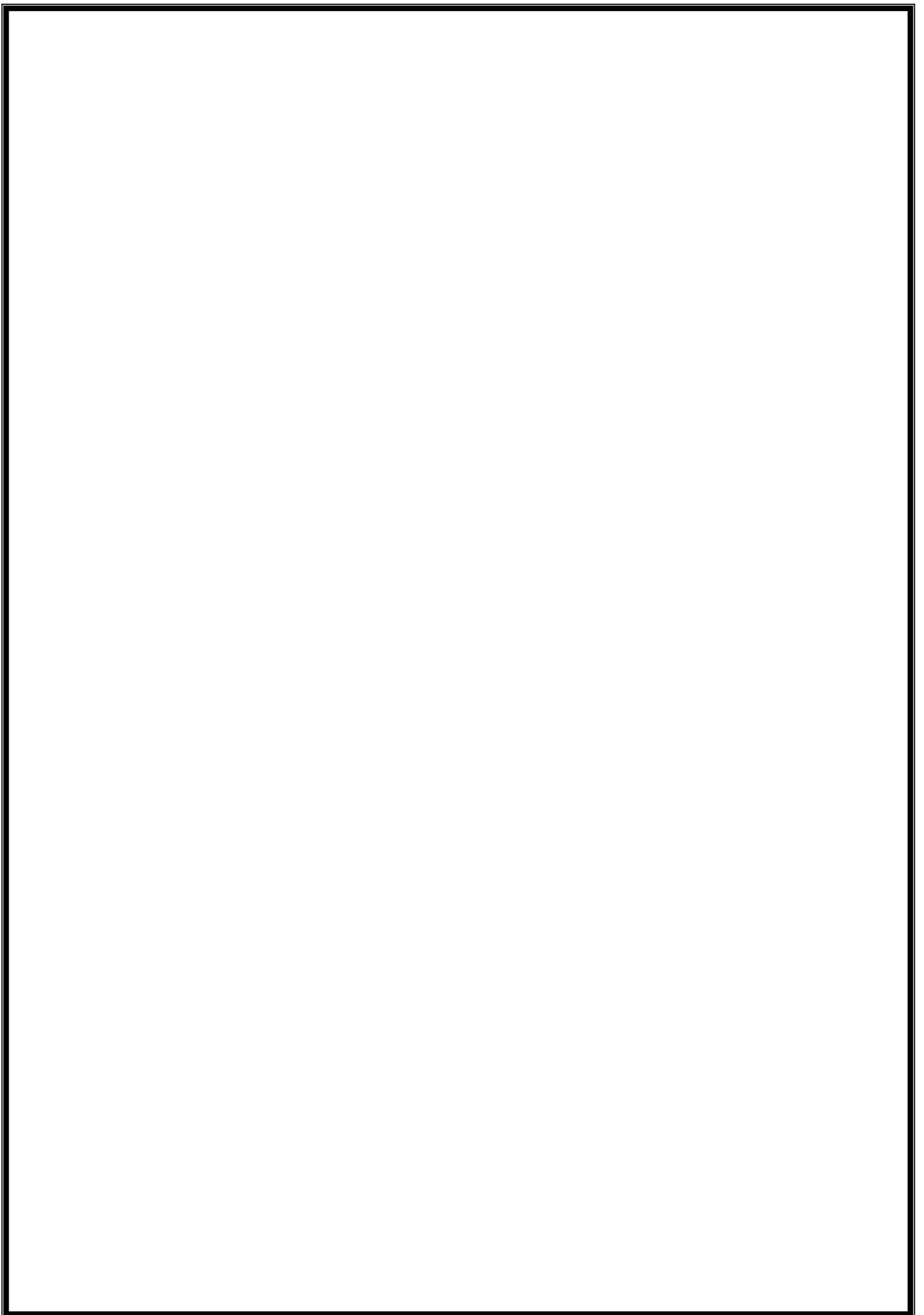
The Tudors

Read the summer reading extracts to get a flavour of life in Tudor England, and particularly the reign of Henry VII. Produce a set of electronic notes i.e. in a Word document, on the following topics and email them to your class teacher before your first lesson in September.

- Henry VII's childhood and background
- Henry VII's family life
- The Wars of the Roses
- The Battle of Bosworth
- Threats/pretenders to the throne

- Additional:** It is important that you use the reading which we've provided in order to do the task. However, you can also add to this by researching these topics using books, the internet and documentaries etc.
- Due:** Your newly acquired knowledge will be put to the test on your first lesson back in our "Tudor Quiz".
- Set by:** If you have any queries regarding the task set please contact:
Mr Arkinstall – pda@hardenhuish.wilts.sch.uk and
Miss Clements – hcc@hardenhuish.wilts.sch.uk
- Expected Time**
- Commitment:** You should expect to spend about 2 hours on this task as a minimum.





Task 2:

The Cold War c.1945-1963

The tiny seeds of cold war tension were sown from 1917 although relations were temporarily patched up during world war two against the common enemy of Nazi Germany. What were the long term problems?

Use the PowerPoint and Chapter One extract to complete the following questions, which have been produced on a PPT. You should create your notes on this PowerPoint and bring a copy with you on your first day in September.

1. The emergence of communist ideas – The Russian Revolution 1917
 - Who got power in 1917?
 - What ideology did they believe in?
 - What are its main ideas?
 - Why did other countries in the west fear them?
 - Answer two source questions
2. Economic differences
 - What did the communists see capitalism as responsible for?
 - What did they believe should happen?
3. Political differences
 - Complete the table showing what the differences were in the two political systems
 - Answer the source question
4. International relations
 - What was the Comintern and what did it aim to do?
 - Why might this cause tension with the West?
5. Wilsonian liberalism
 - Who was Woodrow Wilson?
 - What did he issue in January 1918?
 - What were its three guiding principles?
 - How was this in conflict with Lenin's thinking?
6. Tension in the inter war years
 - Summarise the eight reasons for tension in the inter war years in no more than five words
E.g. ideological differences caused tension
7. Temporary unity: The Grand Alliance
 - What happened in 1941 to change World War Two?
 - What impact did this have on relationships between the countries?
 - Where did they meet in 1943?
 - What tensions remained?

Good luck!

Additional:

You should research these topics using books from home or a library and the internet etc.

Due: Please bring all of the completed work to your first History lesson in September where you will be tested on your newly acquired knowledge through group discussion.

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