

# Hinchingbrooke History Department

~ A Level Preparation ~

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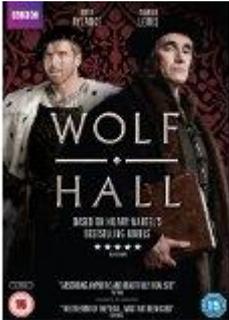
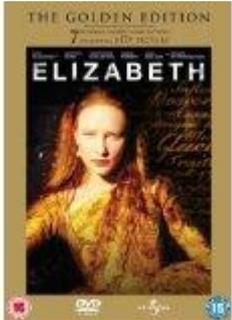
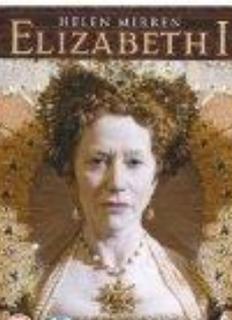
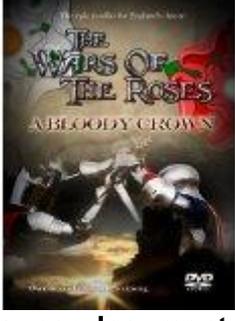
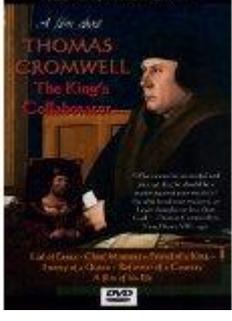
## Component 1: (Breadth Study)



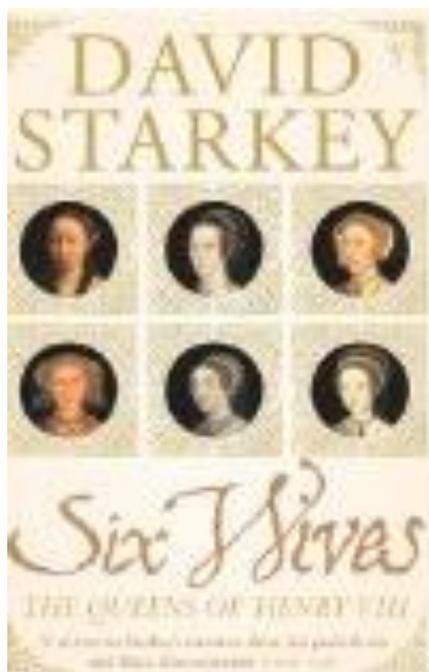
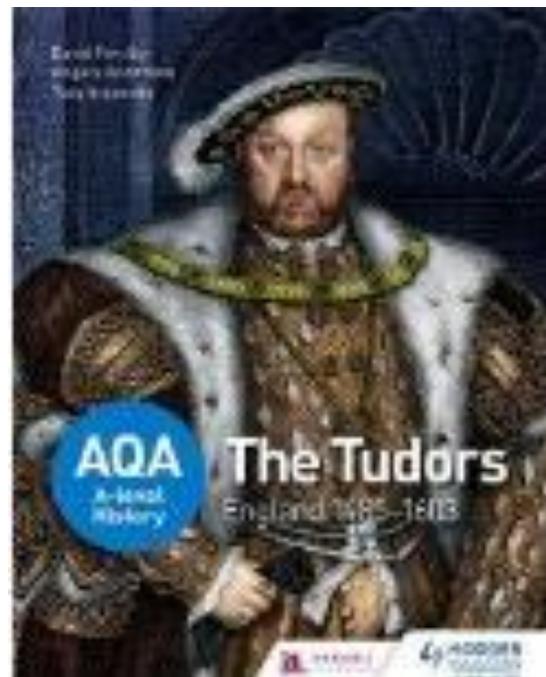
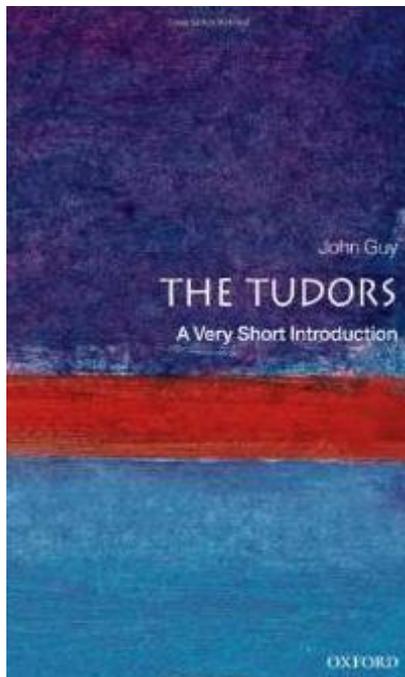
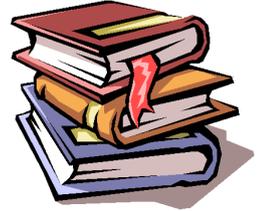
***“The Tudors: 1485-1603”***



*Films are a nice, easy way of getting in to a topic, helping you to understand the historical context of a period...*

 <p>An amazing portrayal of the life of Thomas Cromwell, chief minister of Henry VIII (based on Hilary Mantel's excellent books)</p>	 <p>Not totally accurate in terms of historical details, but gives a sense of context of the early Tudors.</p>	 <p>Again, not totally accurate in terms of historical details, but gives a sense of context of the Elizabeth's early reign.</p>
 <p>Sequel to 'Elizabeth'. This film looks at the Armada – it stretches accuracy to the limit but is visually stunning and worth watching for Cate Blanchet's performance alone.</p>	 <p>An old one (1970s) but BRILLIANT! Mr Williams' favourite. Also look up the sequel 'Elizabeth R' which gives a superb representation of Elizabeth and her council.</p>	 <p>Helen Mirren's great performance as Elizabeth I. Better than the films in terms of accuracy.</p>
 <p>Another, more accurate mini-series about Elizabeth I</p>	 <p>A super documentary covering the background to the course leading up to Bosworth</p>	 <p>A documentary exploring the reign of Henry VIII and his key ministers.</p>

If you fancy dipping your toes further in to the world of academia, the following make for good light reading:



If you are feeling really adventurous you could visit one or more of the following:

- -National Portrait Gallery (London) and its Tudor section (Free)
- -Hamden Court Palace (London) built in the reign of Henry VIII
- -The Tower of London
- -Hatfield House (where Elizabeth was told she was Queen)

You are not expected to go out and spend lots of money on these books, films and visits. All of the materials recommended in this leaflet are not compulsory, but merely recommendations for getting a flavour of some of the themes in this unit. The school library is well stocked. It is worth keeping this leaflet even once your courses have begun in September, as you may want to use some of these materials once you have got going with the course...