

# NKS History KS3 ideas for independent learning and family activities

Suggestions for history themed family days out in the local area:

- Canterbury Cathedral
- Deal and Walmer Castles
- Penshurst Place
- Battle Abbey and Battlefiled Site
- Kent Battle of Britain Museum
- (Under normal circumstances we run a Y7 trip to Dover Castle each summer)

Here are some challenging, but brief, video documentaries from Royal Holloway University

Explore [their website here](#) and try these suggestions:

- [Anglo-Saxons and Normans](#)
- [The Peasants' Revolt](#)
- [The English Civil War](#)
- [Slavery and its Abolition](#)

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# NKS Library – Suggested History Reading List

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| <b>Particularly useful for Y7. A Y8 list will be available soon. All books can be found in the NKS library using the library catalogue/shelf numbers below. The librarian will be happy to help you find something. Please trim and stick in your books. Anglo-Saxon England (942.01)</b> |   |
| Deary, Terry  | The Smashing Saxons   |
| Savage, Anne (ed)   | The Anglo-Saxon Chronicles  |
| Wilson, Brenda  | The Saxons and Vikings 406-1066   |
| <b>Castles (942.018 or 942.018 Kent Collection – on the small bookshelf by Student Reception)</b>   |   |
| Ashbee, Jeremy  | Rochester Castle (English Heritage) (Kent Collection)   |
| Brindle, Steven   | Dover Castle (English Heritage) (Kent Collection)   |
| Butterfield, Moira  | Medieval Lives: Knight  |
| Coad, Jonathan  | Dover Castle: A Frontline Fortress and its Wartime Tunnels (English Heritage) (Kent Collection) |
| Deary, Terry  | Dark Knights and Dingy Castles  |
| Firth, Rachel   | Knights   |
| Gravett, Christopher  | Castle (DK Eyewitness)  |
| Gravett, Christopher  | Knight (DK Eyewitness)  |
| Harrison, David   | Walking the Castles of Kent (Kent Collection)   |
| Hibbert, Clare  | Look Around a Medieval Castle   |
| Hicks, Peter  | How Castles Were Built  |
| Humphreys, Roy  | Dover Castle: England's First Line of Defence (Kent Collection)                                 |
| McAleavy, Tony  | Life in a Medieval Castle   |
| McNeill, Tom  | Castles   |
| Reynoldson, Fiona   | Castle and Cathedrals   |
| Smithers, David W.  | Castles in Kent (Kent Collection)   |
| Wilmott, Tony   | Richborough and Reculver (English Heritage) (Kent Collection)                                   |
| Yorke, Trevor   | English Castles Explained   |
| <b>Norman Conquest (942.02)</b>   |   |
| Bradbury, Jim   | The Battle of Hastings  |
| Deary, Terry  | The Stormin' Normans  |
| Denny, Norman   | The Bayeux Tapestry   |
| Fettu, Annie  | William the Conqueror   |
| Gravett, Christopher  | Hastings 1066   |
| Gray, Peter   | The Battle of Hastings  |
| MacLagan, Eric  | The Bayeux Tapestry   |
| Muntz, Hope   | Battles for the Crown 1066  |
| Musset, L   | The Bayeux Tapestry   |
| <b>Medieval Society / Becket (942.03)</b>   |   |
| Butler, John  | The Quest for Becket's Bones  |
| McAleavy, Tony  | Life in a Medieval Abbey  |
| Brooman, Josh   | Thomas Becket: Saint or Troublemaker?   |
| Deary, Terry  | Mesly Middle Ages   |
| Langley, Andrew   | Medieval Life (DK Eyewitness)   |
| Leyser, Henrietta   | Medieval Women  |
| Morgan, Gwyneth   | Life in a Medieval Village  |
| Whittock, Martyn  | Conflict, People and Power: Medieval Britain 1066-1500  |
| Wilson, Brenda  | Medieval Britain 1066-1485  |

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| <b>Reformation (942.05)</b>   |  |  |
| Duffy, Eamon  | The Stripping of the Altars                    |  |
| Haigh, Christopher (ed)   | The English Reformation Revised                |  |
| Scarbrick, J.J.   | The Reformation and the English People         |  |
| <b>Tudors (942.05)</b>  |  |  |
| Adams, Simon  | Elizabeth I                                    |  |
| Adams, Simon  | Tudor (DK Eyewitness)                          |  |
| Deary, Terry  | The Terrible Tudors                            |  |
| Deary, Terry  | Even More Terrible Tudors                      |  |
| Guy, John   | Elizabeth I and the Armada                     |  |
| Guy, John   | Henry VIII and His Six Wives                   |  |
| Jones, Madeline   | Tudor Law and Order                            |  |
| Langley, Andrew   | The Tudors                                     |  |
| MacDonald, Alan   | Henry VIII and His Chopping Block              |  |
| Regan, Geoffrey   | Elizabethan England                            |  |
| Royston, Angela   | The Six Wives of Henry VIII                    |  |
| Tames, Richard  | What Do We Know About the Tudors and Stuarts?  |  |
| <b>English Civil War / Restoration / Glorious Revolution (942.06)</b>   |  |  |
| Deary, Terry  | The Slimy Stuarts                              |  |
| Husbands, Chris   | Changing Britain: Crown, Parliament and People |  |
| Langley, Andrew   | The Stuarts                                    |  |
| MacDonald, Alan   | Oliver Cromwell and His Warts                  |  |
| Mendes, Linda   | The Civil War 1642-51                          |  |
| <b>British Empire</b>   |  |  |
| 940.55  | Chamberlain, M.E.                              | Decolonization: The Fall of the European Empires |
| 909   | Deary, Terry                                   | Barmy British Empire                             |
| 942.085   | Farman, John                                   | The Very Bloody History of Britain               |
| 942   | Ferguson, Niall                                | Empire   |
| 942   | Harrison, James (ed)                           | Children's Encyclopedia of British History       |
| 326   | Hinds, Donald                                  | Black Peoples of the Americas 1500-1900          |
| 954   | Tharoor, Shashi                                | Inglorious Empire: What the British Did to India |
| 326   | Walvin, James                                  | Britain's Slave Empire                           |
| <b>Migration to Britain from the Romans to the present day</b><br>(mostly books about the Romans rather than specifically migration, nothing more modern)<br>We hope to be updating this list soon. |  |  |
| 937   | Cairns, Trevor                                 | The Romans and Their Empire                      |
| 937   | Corbishley, Mike                               | The Roman World                                  |
| 942.01  | Deary, Terry                                   | The Rotten Romans                                |
| 937   | James, Simon                                   | Ancient Rome (DK Eyewitness)                     |
| 942.01  | Williams, Brenda                               | Roman Britain                                    |