

A Level Transition Work

23 – Modern Britain

Watch:

- <https://www.dailymotion.com/playlist/x50il9>
- <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x600y8o?playlist=x50il9>

Read:

- Read the first chapter of Andrew Marr's A History of Modern Britain.

Summer Task:

TASK 1:

In July 1945 a general election was held in Britain for the first time since 1935. The situation in Britain was as follows.

- In May 1945 Britain secured victory over Nazi Germany in World War II.
- The war in the Pacific was ongoing but would end in August 1945 with the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.
- British cities had been destroyed during the Blitz.
- Many women had gone out to work and proved themselves capable during World War II.
- Men from all social classes had fought alongside each other during the war.
- Rationing had been endured by all throughout the war.
- Industry had been taken under government control during the war.

Based on the information above, write a list of issues which you think may have been concerning British voters in July 1946.

TASK 2:

In 1942, whilst the Second World War was still raging, William Beveridge, a Civil Servant, wrote the 'Beveridge Report'. This report revealed the extent of poverty in Britain and identified what Beveridge called the '5 Giant Evils' in society. Use the internet to find out what the '5 Giant Evils' were and the recommendations that Beveridge put forward to solve these problems. You must print out your research and bring it to your first lesson, you do not need huge amounts of information, try and limit the amount to 2 sides of A4.

TASK 3: Ideology

The 1950s are sometimes seen as a time of 'consensus', when members of different political parties broadly agreed. Despite this, British politicians and intellectuals have often been fiercely divided over what direction the country should take. What future should Britain have?

First topics covered: Conservative governments and reasons for political dominance 1951-1964

1L – Germany

Watch

- [Wilhelm II of Germany - YouTube](#) – A useful overview of Kaiser Wilhelm II's reign
- [1949 - One year, two Germanies | DW Documentary - YouTube](#) – A useful documentary on the impact of WWII on Germany

Read

- The Shortest History of Germany, *James Hawes*
- Blood and Iron: The Rise and Fall of the German Empire; 1871 – 1918, *Katja Hoyer*
- A Concise History of Germany, *Mary Fulbrook*

First topic we are covering is...

- The creation of the German state

Task

- Research Chancellor Otto von Bismarck's rule and his relationship to Kaiser Wilhelm I

Course Details

Exam Board: AQA

Unit 1L: The quest for political stability: Germany, 1871-1991

Unit 2S: The Making of Modern Britain, 1951-2007

Unit 3: NEA (Non Examined Unit) Tudor Rebellions 1485-1603