

Reading List for A2 HIS3B The Triumph of Elizabeth 2014-15

Please note the number of asterisks (***) indicates the relative usefulness of the subject material covered. Note all books are in the library but if marked ® cannot be taken out on loan.



'Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers.'
~Charles W. Eliot

Ackroyd, P., *The History of England, Vol II The Tudors* (London, Macmillan, 2012) Look at Chapter 2 on the Hunne Case and anticlericalism.

®***Collinson, P., *Elizabethan Essays* (London, Hambledon, 1994). The famous chapter 2 'The Monarchical Republic' is

the key idea which forms much of the later revisionist work.

**Collinson, P., eds. *The Sixteenth Century: Short Oxford Histories* (Oxford, OUP, 2002). Some superb articles including Ellis on the Mid-Tudor Crisis, McCulloch on religion, John Guy on kingship and Simon Adams on foreign policy. These are complex and you will need to read the primers first!

**Collinson, P., *English Puritanism* (London, Historical Association, 1983). The classic text on the origins and growth of English Puritanism. Short but conceptually vast.

Crowson, P.S., *Tudor Foreign Policy* (London, Black, 1973). Part IIC and Part III deal separately with the political and economic aims of foreign policy. Well written.

*Doran, Susan, *Elizabeth I and Religion, 1558-1603* (London, Routledge, 1994). Very much disagrees with Haigh on several issues most notably the part played by Seminary Priests.

Dures, Alan, *English Catholicism 1558-1642: Seminar Studies in History* (London, Longmans, 1983). Chapter 2 on Catholicism in England is useful due to its high level of detail.

Fellows, N., *Disorder and Rebellion in Tudor England, Access to History Series* (London, Hodder, 2001). Particularly good as it covers the little-mentioned Oxfordshire rising of 1596 and Essex Rebellion of 1601 also dealt with well.

Fellows, N., *Elizabeth I, Flagship HistoryMakers* (London, Collins, 2004). Basically a pamphlet examining three key issues of foreign policy, religious threats and the role of Parliament.

Fletcher & McCulloch, *Tudor Rebellions* (London, Pearson, 2004). Clear and gives historiographical background on this theme.

®***Graves, M.A.R., *Elizabethan Parliaments 1559-1601, Seminar Studies in History* (London, Longman, 1977). The key text on Elizabeth and her Parliaments. This is essential reading.

**Guy, John, *Tudor England* (Oxford, OUP, 1988). Page 199 onwards is essential reading!

**Haigh, Christopher, *Elizabeth I, Profiles in Power* (London, Longman, 1998). A lot of fun. Haigh denounces Elizabeth at every turn and provides you with some excellent quotations! To wit: 'Elizabeth I was a bully, and, like most bullies, she harassed the weak while deferring to the strong.' Do remember to balance Haigh with Doran for example!

**Hoffman, A., *Lives of the Tudor Age, 1485-1603* (London, Osprey, 1977). Excellent for the key figures.

Jones, J.A.P., *Challenging History, Europe 1500-1600*. (London, Thomas Nelson, 1997). Chapter 14 on the Revolt in the Netherlands is an excellent introduction to this vital area of Elizabethan foreign policy.

Lee, S.J., *Aspects of European History 1494-1789* (London, Routledge, 1986). Worth reading the chapter on the foreign policy of Philip II to see how his relations with England fitted into the larger picture.

***Lee S.J., *The Reign of Elizabeth, 1558-1603* (London, Routledge, 2007). Superb book which picks out the key themes and analyses them complete with relevant historiography. This book is built specifically for our course!

*Loades, David, *Power in Tudor England* (London, Macmillan, 1997). Excellent on Ireland and Wales and extent of English control.

*Loades, David *Politics and the Nation: England 1450-1660* (Oxford, Blackwells, 1999). Excellent summary of the whole period from a revisionist perspective. Should be read immediately after a primer textbook.

**Loades, David, *The Reign of Mary Tudor* (London, Anchor, 1979). Seminal work reapprising role of Mary and arguing she set the necessary political and financial foundations for Elizabeth's rule.

**Lotherington, J., eds. *The Tudor Years* (London, Hodder, 1994). Very sharp essay on Mid-Tudor Crisis on p.205.

McGrath, P., *Papists and Puritans under Elizabeth I* (London, Blandford, 1967). Particularly good on the difference of opinion between Grindal and Elizabeth over Prophesying.

**Mervyn, Barbara, *The Reign of Elizabeth, England 1558-1603*. (London, SHP/Hodder, 2001) The best textbook on the Elizabethan period. Use this as your key primer.

*Mortimer, Ian, *The Time Travellers Guide to Elizabethan England* (London, Bodley Head, 2012). Similar to, but far better than Wilson.

Murphy ed., *England 1485-1603* (London, HarperCollins, 1999). Note this a textbook and suitable as a primer.

Neale, J.E., *Queen Elizabeth I* (London, Panther, 1979). Worth reading to understand the 'Puritan Choir' idea Neale transposes from the Stuart era.

*North, Jonathan eds. *England's Boy King: The Diary of Edward VI 1547-1553* (London, Ravenhall, 2005). The actual diary written by Edward VI himself translated into modern English.

Pound, John, *Poverty and Vagrancy in Tudor England: Seminar Studies in History* (London, Longmans, 1971). Page 44 onwards is particularly relevant on the Elizabethan Poor Laws.

Read, Conyers, *Mr Secretary Cecil and Queen Elizabeth* (London, Cape, 1962). Very solid biography on Cecil which stresses the partnership between the two. Now partially debunked by John Guy but still a good read.

***Routh, C.R.N., *Who's Who in Tudor England* (London, Blackwells, 1990). Essential reference guide to the key characters.

Skidmore, Chris, *Edward VI: The Lost King of England* (London, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 2007). Readable biography both in tone and in length.

Smith, A.G., *William Cecil: The Power Behind Elizabeth* (Hawaii, Honolulu University Press, 1934). Worth reading as a comparison on how the historiographical interpretations of Cecil have changed.

Smith, A.G.R., *The Government of Elizabethan England* (London, Edward Arnold, 1967). Useful to read his conclusion on G R Elton's position on the so-called 'Tudor Revolution in Government'.

Starkey, David, *Elizabeth* (London, Vintage, 2001). One of the most readable of biographies with Starkey striking a relatively well balanced revisionist approach.

Starkey, David, *Monarchy* (London, Harper, 2006). A fun read but Starkey sets out to be controversial.

**Tillbrook, Michael, *The Triumph of Elizabeth: Britain 1547-1603* (London, Nelson Thornes, 2009). The official textbook endorsed by AQA. Written chronologically and relatively sparse in detail. It is important to note that just reading this book will not suffice!

*Tittler, R., *The Reign of Mary Tudor: Seminar Studies in History* (London, Longman, 1981). Impressive examination of Mary's reign.

Tonge, Neil, *Elizabeth I: Longman History in Depth* (London, Longman, 2010). Good clear readable overview of the reign of Elizabeth. Basic historiography foundation here as well.

*Turvey, R., & Heard, N., *Change and Protest 1536-88: Mid-Tudor Crises? Access to History Series* (London, Hodder, 1999). Really good on the historiography of the Mid-Tudor Crises.

®***Wernham, R.B., *The Making of Elizabethan Foreign Policy, 1558-1603* (London, UCP, 1980). Wernham coined the term 'maritime strategy' in this book. Vital reading on Elizabethan foreign policy still.

Williams, Penry, *The Tudor Regime* (Oxford, Clarendon, 1979). Worth reading Chapter 13 (p.421 onwards). Interesting early revisionist perspective on the role of the Privy Council with good details on key figures and interrelationships.

Wilson, Derek, *Tudor England* (Oxford, Shore, 2010). Readable on Tudor life and lifestyle. Similar but inferior to Mortimer.

Please note that reading ALL of these books is not necessary. However reading at least some IS essential, and MOST would be invaluable!