**IB History Reading List V 1.1**

1 Star \* Straightforward read

2 Stars \*\* More challenging you may have to do a little research as you read to fully understand the context of the book

3 Stars \*\*\* You will find these books at times abstract and un-relatable, it may be dry though the work itself is or was significant at the time of being authored

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| Primary | Classic | Modern | Nature of History |
| These are ‘books’ that are considered classic primary sources, they give us evidence and a fascinating insight into the past. | These are books that are considered classic secondary sources, in other words they are ground breaking works in the areas of the past in which they were published. They will extend your understanding about the way the past has been represented. | These are excellent examples of historians in their field, these will develop your understanding of modern historical writing. | Books that look at the historical method and role of the historian in society. They will allow you understand the historians craft, and the development and impact of history writing. Particularly for History IA’s and Paper 1 sources skills, TOK and Extended essay; these books will further your understanding. |
| The Gallic Wars, Julius Caesar \*\* | The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (abridged), Edward Gibbon \*\*\* | A Study in Tyranny, Alan Bullock \* | What is History, E.H. Carr \*\*\* |
| Historia Anglicorum, Venerable Bede \*\* | History of England (abridged) T. B. Macaulay \*\*\* | Jonathan Riley-Smith, A Short History of the Crusades \* | The New Nature of History, Arthur Marwick \*\*\* |
| Candide, Voltaire (a novel) \* | Frederick the Great, Thomas Carlyle \*\*\* | Sleepwalkers, How Europe Went to War in 1914, Christopher Clark \* | In Defence of History, Richard J Evans \*\* |
| The Communist Manifesto, Marx and Engels \* | The Feudal Society, Marc Bloch \*\* | Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World, Jack Weatherford \* |  |
| The Road to Serfdom, Friedrich Hayek \*\*\* | Bismarck, A.J.P. Taylor \* | Marie-Antionette: The Journey, Antonia Fraser \* |  |
| Beyond the Urals, John Scott \* | Hugh Trevor Roper, The European Witch Craze of the 16th and 17th Century T\*\* | Hitler 1889-1936, Hubris, Ian Kershaw \* |  |
| On Liberty, John Stuart Mill \*\* | The Age of Revolution: 1789-1848, Eric Hobsbawn \*\* | Europe, Norman Davies \*\* |  |
| The Histories, Herodotus \*\*\* | The Making of the English Working Class, EP Thompson \*\* | A Peoples Tragedy, Orlando Figes \* |  |
| The Twelve Caesars, Seutonius \*\* | A Little History of the World, Ernst Gombrich \* | Citizens: A Chronicle of the French Revolution, Simon Schama \*\* |  |
|  |  | The First World War, John Keegan \* |  |
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Hi, this is a reading list I’ve compiled – I hope you find it interesting, it has a bias to pre-20th Century history (ignorance of the world pre-1914 is what most grates with Russell Group universities). As you ‘read’, highlight them with a colour and I can discuss each of them with you. Don’t feel too much pressure; Oxbridge and other Russell group universities will expect you to have read broadly in History. Do ask me for brief overviews, explanation of significance etc. Being classics you should be able to find most on Amazon/Ebay for under $10.

Happy Reading!!