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Replying to @ww1teacher

Idea 1: Take a free history course. FutureLearn is amazing. There is one on the Tudors which I've attached the link for, but there are loads of history related topics on there which might be of interest. Have an explore.



Tudor History - Online Course
futurelearn.com

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Idea 2: Read some award winning history books. I've been trawling through the Bailie Gifford (formerly Samuel Johnson) prize shortlists for non-fiction book of the year searching for any history books that have been nominated. Here's the list...



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(1) A Gambling Man: Charles II and the Restoration, Jenny Uglow, 2010.

Liberty's Exiles: How the Loss of America Made the British Empire, Maya Jasanoff, 2010.

Reprobates: The Cavaliers of the English Civil War, John Stubbs, 2011.

Mao's Great Famine, Frank Dikotter, 2012.

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(2) The Spanish Holocaust, Paul Preston, 2012.

Empires of the Dead: How One Man's Vision Led to the Creation of WW1's War Graves, David Crane, 2013.

Return of the King, William Dalrymple, 2013.

Under Another Sky: Journeys in Roman Britain, 2013.



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(3) Common People: The History of an English Family, Alison Light, 2014.

Villages of Secrets: Defying the Nazis in Vichy France, Caroline Moorhead, 2014.

Empire of Necessity: The Untold History of Slave Rebellion in the

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History of Slave Resistance in the
Age of Liberty, Greg Grandin,
2014.

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(4) Fighters in the Shadows,
Robert Gildea, 2015.

Black Earth: The Holocaust as
History and Warning, Timothy
Snyder, 2015.

They All Love Jack: Busting the
Ripper, Bruce Robinson, 2015.

East West Street, Philipe Sands,
2016.

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(5) Belonging: The Story of the
Jews 1492-1900, Simon Schama,
2017.

Chernobyl: History of a Tragedy,
Serhil Ploky, 2018.

The Spy and the Traitor, Ben

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Idea 3: Read some of the best history books published last year. What's that you say? You want another list of history books. Well here's a brilliant list of books that were published last year.



37 books for history lovers:
BBC History Magazine's Boo...
historyextra.com



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Idea 4: Watch some documentaries. I've been very sad and created a school Youtube channel with loads of

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Idea 5: Listen to a podcast. There are so many great history podcasts out there. Some tops ones to recommend are History Hack (a new episode every day through Corona), You're Dead to Me (with Greg Jenner from horrible Histories)...

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Killing Time (with Rebecca Rideal), Dan Carlin's Hardcore History, History Extra and the incredible In Our Time. I've given you a link to the last one here, but they are all easily findable through whatever podcast app if on your phone.



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Idea 6: Watch a lecture. Gresham College in London has filmed some brilliant public lectures. They are all freely available. There are loads of history ones. Have an explore and see if any take your fancy.



Gresham College
youtube.com

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Idea 7: Attend an online history festival. Rebecca Rideal recently ran an online history festival after her real one got cancelled. The videos are all still available, and the speakers include top names

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the speakers include top names like Sir Michael Palin and Hallie Rubenhold.



HistFest Ltd
youtube.com

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Idea 8: Watch a historical film/ TV series and then research how accurate it is. There are so many awesome historical films out there. The key thing is though to approach them critically. Watch the film and then watch a lecture or read a book that relates directly to it...

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For instance, you could watch the brilliant 'Lives of Others' on Prime

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For instance, you could watch the brilliant 'Lives of Others' on Prime and then read 'Stasiland'. If you can't find a good series or film here are some recommendations from BBC History Magazine.



The best historical TV shows and films to stream right now
historyextra.com



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But if that sounds daunting plump for E.H. Gombrich's brilliant children's book 'A Short History of the World' as a simple overview. As you go make a note on anything you feel weak on or sounds really interesting. Soon you'll have a nice long list of topics to study. (3)



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Then build some structure and routine to your days to tackle them. I would follow something like this:
Monday- AM- Read book. Aim for 60 pages. PM- Watch lecture and make notes. Order books for next week.

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Wednesday- AM- Watch historical film. PM- Watch at least one lecture/ doc in relation to film and research online what it got right and wrong, using at least one primary source. Make notes. Thursday- AM- Read book. Aim for 60 pages. PM- Listen to podcast and make notes. (4)



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Friday- AM- Read book. Aim for 60 pages. PM- Complete next section of online history course, making notes as you go. File all work from the week. Weekend- Finish book.

This is just an example. I'm not telling you that you have to read 60 pages every morning! (5)

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