



History Department KS3 Historical Fiction Reading Suggestions

Year 7

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Description</u>
Romans	In the Shadow of Heroes	Nicholas Bowling	Fourteen-year-old Cadmus has been scholar Tullus's slave since he was a baby - his master is the only family he knows. But when Tullus disappears and a taciturn slave called Tog - daughter of a British chieftain - arrives with a secret message, Cadmus's life is turned upside down. The pair follow a trail that leads to Emperor Nero himself, and his crazed determination to possess the Golden Fleece of Greek mythology. This quest will push Cadmus to the edge of the Roman Empire - and reveal unexpected truths about his past ...
Romans	The Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliff	The Ninth Legion marched into the mists of northern Britain - and they were never seen again. Four thousand men disappeared, and their eagle standard was lost. It's a mystery that's never been solved, until now... Marcus must find out what happened to his father, who led the legion. So, he sets out into the unknown, on a quest so dangerous that nobody





The Norman conquest	The Battle of Hastings (I was there)	Jim Eldrige	Step back in to the battlefields of Hastings which places the reader at the heart of history.
Medieval Britain	All fall down	Sally Nichols	A deadly plague races through England... Isabel and her family have nowhere to run from a disease that has killed half of Europe. When the world she knows and loves ends for ever, her only weapon is courage. The Black Death of 1349 was the deadliest plague in human history.
Medieval Britain	Max and the Midnights	Lincoln Peirce	Max wants to be a knight - too bad that dream is about as likely as finding a friendly dragon. But when Max's uncle Budrick is kidnapped by the cruel King Gastley, Max has to act . . . and fast! Joined by a band of brave adventurers - the Midnights - Max sets out on a thrilling quest: to save Uncle Budrick and restore the realm of Byjovia to its former glory!
Crusades	Crusade	Elizabeth Laird	The story of two boys on either side of the crusade.

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Tudor	A Skinful of Shadows	Frances Hardinge	Makepeace, a courageous girl with a mysterious past, defends herself nightly from the ghosts which try to possess her. Then a dreadful event causes her to drop her guard for a





			moment. And now there's a ghost inside her. The spirit is wild, brutish and strong, but it may be her only defence in a time of dark suspicion and fear. As the English Civil War erupts, Makepeace must decide which is worse: possession - or death.
Tudor	A Traveller in Time	Alison Uttley	An ancient farmhouse forms the link that allows Penelope to step back into Elizabethan times. Her friends there are scheming to free their beloved Mary, Queen of Scots, but – even with her twentieth-century knowledge – Penelope can only watch helplessly. Only in her own time is she fully aware of the tragedy which lies ahead, drawing closer whenever she steps into the past.
Tudor	Eliza Rose	Lucy Worsley	Eliza Camperdowne comes from an old but impoverished family; she knows that the future of her family’s fortunes depend on her making the right kind of marriage. Ideally, that means marrying a man with money and a title. But Eliza’s life plan is changed when she is sent with her cousin to be a maid of Honour at the Court of King Henry V111. Katherine may be a cousin but can Eliza trust her? As Katherine finds favour with the King himself, Eliza must learn to survive the intrigue and treachery of the court





Stuart	Ring of Roses	Mary Hooper	A gripping story set during the Great Plague of London
Stuart	Witch Child	Celia Rees	A story of witches in the Stuart period
Stuart	No Shame, No Fear	Ann Turnbull	Set in England after the civil war featuring a Quaker girl as the main character.

Year 9

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Slavery	My Name’s not Friday	John Walter	A story of a young slave who tries to escape
Slavery	Chains	Laurie Halse Anderson	A story of the slave trade.
19 th Century/ 20 th Century	The Ruby in the Smoke	Philip Pullman	After the sudden death of her father, Sally Lockhart is forced to go to live in London with an obnoxious cousin. There, she receives an anonymous letter containing a warning so dire that it makes a man die of fear at her feet. Determined to discover the truth about what happened to her father, Sally is soon plunged into a dangerous and terrifying adventure that takes her to the dark heart of Victorian London
WW1	Armistice Runner	Tom Palmer	Running is what Lily is good at and fell-running is what she loves. But





			what she doesn’t realise is that this talent was passed to her from someone very important – her great-great- Grandfather Ernest, an unsung hero of WWI. When Lily’s ailing Grandmother offers her a glimpse into the past, Lily discovers Ernest’s diaries, his shared passion for running and his unflinching tale of life on the frontline. As Lily uncovers heartache and memories, their stories intertwine into a tale of past, present and the little-known heroes of November 11th, 1918.
WW1	War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches. Bombarded by artillery, with bullets knocking riders from his back, Joey tells a powerful story of the truest friendships surviving in terrible times. One horse has seen the best and the worst of humanity. The power of war and the beauty of peace. This is his story
WW2	An Eagle in the Snow	Michael Morpurgo	1940. The train is under attacks from German fighters. In the darkness, sheltering in a railway tunnel, the stranger in the carriage with Barney and his mother tells them a story to pass the time. And what a story. The story of a young man, a young soldier in the trenches of World War I who, on the spur of the moment, had done





			what he thought was the right thing. It turned out to have been the worst mistake he ever could have made - a mistake he must put right before it is too late.
WW2	Girl with a white dog	Anne Booth	Looks at Nazi Germany and the discrimination people faced
Holocaust	The Boy in the Stripped Pyjamas	John Boyne	The story of friendship between two boys from very different backgrounds – one the son of a Nazi officer and the other a Jew
Holocaust	The Earth is Singing	Vanessa Curtis	Story of a girl in a concentration camp

