

# History New Year 12

## Summer Work

### Unit 1: Tudors

*Visit the Richard III visitor centre, or research using the internet, and investigate the final stages in the Wars of the Roses and the way historical events are understood and made relevant to present day.*

1. Why were the Wars of the Roses important for ordinary people and the royal family in the 15th century?
2. Explain reasons why Richard III was defeated at Bosworth.
3. Why did one battle have such a big impact on the country?
4. Which groups or individuals have been involved in the discovery of Richard III's body? Why are there so many?
5. Does there seem to be any particular bias or influence present in the displays?
6. Why has Richard III been so important during the last few years?

**Spend 40 minutes on writing your answer for this.**

# Unit 2: The American Dream: Reality & Illusion

*Research and complete an Executive Summary (meaning one side of A4 only for each of the following):*

1. The significance of the American War of Independence for life in USA today.
2. The main causes and consequences of the American Civil War
3. How the Great Depression of the 1930s changed America
4. The American Dream as portrayed in *Citizen Kane* (1941) and *The Great Gatsby* (2013)

**Then please write a 45-minute essay on the following:**

‘The American Dream remains the single most important feature of American life today’. Explain how far you agree or disagree with this view.