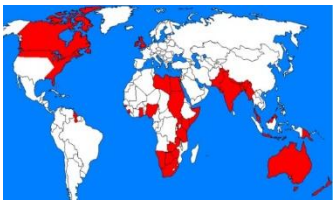
The Thomas Hardye School

Summer Preparation Task

History A Level (Modern: British Unit) AQA 7042



Purpose of task:

To have greater knowledge and understanding of Britain in 1900. This will allow students to contextualise the work that they will start in September.

Task 1: You need to complete some research about Britain in 1900 and to make some notes that will answer the below questions.

Useful websites to help

- **https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwwhtrd/revision/1**
- **Also read the scanned pages from the Access to History Britain 1900-57 book pgs 1-11**

PEOPLE

- What are the effects of Urbanisation on Britain?
- What was the class system and how did this affect British society?
- What is the idea of national efficiency?
- What was life like for rich people/ poor people?

WORK

- Which were Britain's main staple industries in 1900?
- What were the new industries in 1900?
- What were conditions like for the average British worker?
- What problems exist in Agriculture at this time?

EMPIRE

- Which areas of the world were in the British Empire?
- Where in the world was the Boer War and what were the main reason for that war?

POLITICS

- Who could vote in Britain and why?
- In 1900 how did the House of Lords have more power than the Commons?

IRELAND

- What are the arguments for and against Home Rule?
- How had the issue of Home Rule affected the Liberals?

Recommended resources:

Access to History: Britain 1900-57 by Michael Lynch.

Oxford AQA history: Wars and Welfare: Britain in Transition 1906-57.

Useful Websites include:

http://spartacus-educational.com/

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxjk4j6

Podcasts

You're Dead to Me
The History of General Elections
https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07vpgmn

Short History Of...
Winston Churchill
https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0gvr089

Horrible Histories Podcast
Series 2
Emmeline Pankhurst
https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0g1vyhr

QUB Talks 100 – The Partition of Ireland: Causes and Consequences
Dr Robert Lynch - Partition and the Anglo-Irish Treaty
https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p09xf3j2

Deadline for Task: First lesson in week commencing 14th September 2026

Compulsory Task 2: Key term definitions

Write down a definition for each of the following glossary terms

Word or Term	Definition or explanation
Empire	
Parliamentary Democracy	
Tariffs	
Non- Conformists	
Home Rule	
Landslide Victory	
Trade Unions	
Chancellor of the Exchequer	
Staple Industries	
Means Test	

Task 3

Historical Profile

Choose one of the people below and complete some research about their relevance in this period of history

BRITAIN 1906-57

Find out:

- What did they do that has made them have historical significance?
- What was the impact of their actions on British History?

Emily Wilding Davison - Suffragette
Michael Collins - Founder I R A
Anuerin Bevan - Labour politician
Lord Kitchener - Army general
Edward VIII - King
John Maynard Keynes - Economist
Countess Markievicz - Irish rebel and political figure

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