

Y8-9 - Early Modern Era

Part One covers the reformation in Germany, the Netherlands, France, and England, the settlement of colonies in America, the rise of England and the Netherlands as sea powers, and the corresponding fall of Spain.

Part Two continues the coverage on the age of empire and world colonization. The histories of European colonies in America, Australia, South Africa, and India are related as well as the Revolution in America, the French Revolution, and the campaigns of Napoleon.

World History

The New World by Winston Churchill (Year 8)

The Age of Revolution by Winston Churchill (Year 9)

OR Alternate World History

The Awakening of Europe by M. B. Synge (ch. 1-53)

The Struggle for Sea Power by M.B. Synge (ch. 1-47)

American History

History of the American People by Paul Johnson (Year 9)

OR

A Basic History of the United States by Clarence B. Carson (Vol. I /II) (Year 9)

Supplemental

The Voyage of the Armada: The Spanish Story by David Howarth (Year 8)

Of Plymouth Plantation by William Bradford (Year 8)

Miracle at Philadelphia by Catherine Drinker Bowen (Year 9)

Speeches

Martin Luther's defense before the Diet of Worms (Year 8)

Queen Elizabeth's speech to the Spanish Armada, July 29, 1588 (Year 8)

John Donne's funeral address (Year 8)

Patrick Henry's famous 'Give me liberty or give me death' (Year 9)

Jonathan Edwards' "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" Sermon (1741) (Year 9)

Edmund Burke's Plea for Conciliation with the American Colonies, March 22, 1775 (Year 9)

Historical Documents (all Year 9)

Declaration of Rights (1765)

The Declaration of Independence (1776)

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence (1775)

Articles of Confederation (1777)

Articles of Capitulation, Yorktown (1781)

Treaty with Great Britain (1783)

Constitution of the United States (1787)

The Federalist, Nos. 1 and 2 (1787)

Washington's First Inaugural Address (1789)
Treaty with the Six Nations (1794)
Washington's Farewell Address (1796)
Treaty with France (Louisiana Purchase) (1803)
Treaty with Great Britain (End of War of 1812) (1814)

Biography

A Man for All Seasons (DVD) (Year 8)
The Life of George Washington by David Ramsay (Year 9)
Autobiography of Ben Franklin (Year 9)
Napoleon Bonaparte by John S. C. Abbott (Year 9)
OR
Peter the Great by Jacob Abbott (www.mainlesson.com)

Government & Economics

Whatever Happened to Justice by Richard Maybury (Year 8) AND/OR
Are You Liberal, Conservative, Confused? by Richard Maybury (Year 9)

Utopia by Sir Thomas More (Year 8)
Common Sense by Thomas Paine (Year 9)
The Rights of Man by Thomas Paine (Year 9)

Geography

Undaunted Courage by Stephen E. Ambrose (Year 9 weeks 1-12)
The Royal Road to Romance by Richard Halliburton (Year 9 weeks 13-36)

Literature

The History of English Literature for Girls and Boys by H. E. Marshall (Years 8-9)
A Student's History of American Literature by Edward Simonds (Years 8-9)

Choose from the following novels (2-3 per term):

Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift (Year 9)
History of Rasselas, Prince of Abyssinia by Samuel Johnson (Year 9)
The Vicar of Wakefield by Oliver Goldsmith (Year 9)
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas (Year 9)
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (Year 9)
Faust, Book I by Johann Wolfgang Goethe (Year 9)

Poetry (Year 9)

An Essay on Man by Alexander Pope (1688-1744)
William Cowper (1731-1800) and Phillis Wheatley (1753-1784)
George Gordon, Lord Byron (1788-1824)