Summer Tasks for Students Entering A Level History in September

To hit the ground running arrive in September with notes on the following:

America, **British Empire**, c1845 - 1877 1857 - 1967 Firstly, if you were here for the Episode title: Induction Lesson, finish off labelling Empire How Britain Made the Modern your A3 map. World 1of6 Why Britain https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Next, go online and seek out the moZN2UZ1k60 answers to as many of the following questions as you can (try to avoid Students need to watch the episode burrowing too deep into anything!): and take detailed notes. In our first lesson we will be discussing how Britain became an imperial power 1. What was the situation regarding slavery across the British and students will need to be able to colonies in North America by answer specific questions using their 1770? For example, how many notes. enslaved people were there? Where was slavery permitted? Where was slavery a major and minor part of the economy? Where were enslaved people being imported from? What did enslaved people grow and pick and where in particular? 2. When was the American War of Independence against Great Britain? 3. How many colonies rebelled? 4. Why did the American colonies rebel? 5. Why did the rebels triumph over the British? When was the surrender at Yorktown and when was peace officially recognised? 6. Why did George Washington acquire such a legendary reputation? 7. What is the US Constitution? What is the Bill of Rights? What is an amendment to the Constitution? What were the

essential features of the US Constitution by 1845?

- 8. What's the difference between the House of Representatives and the Senate (both are parts of 'Congress')? What power does Congress have and what limits its power ('checks and balances')?
- 9. What power does the Supreme Court have and what limits its power ('checks and balances')?
- 10. What power does a President have and what limits their power ('checks and balances')?

Watch minutes 22 - 38 of Blight's lecture on YouTube entitled: 1. Introductions: Why Does the Civil War Era Have a Hold on American Historical

*** EXTENSION TASKS:

What was the backstory of any of the following key individuals:

- ★ Abraham Lincoln (pre 1858)
- ★ Jefferson Davis (pre 1861)
- ★ Robert E. Lee (pre 1861)
- ★ Ulysses S. Grant (pre 1861)
- ★ William Lloyd Garrison
- ★ Frederick Douglass (pre 1861)
- ★ Harriet Beecher Stowe (pre 1852)
- ★ Dred Scott (pre 1857)

Familiarise yourself with where the following key locations are on a map:

- ★ Washington, D.C
- \star Kansas
- ★ Harpers Ferry
- + Richmond
- ★ Fort Sumter
- ★ Bull Run
- ★ Antietam
- ★ Gettysburg
- ★ Vicksburg
- ★ Atlanta
- ★ Appomattox Court House