

# 2023 Year 12 Pre-Joining Transition Tasks: A-Level History



## Read:

Read the following book review on The impact of the

British Empire

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2021/06/14/book-review-empireland-how-imperialism-has-shaped-modern-britain-by-sathnam-sanghera/>

If you wish to purchase the book, it can be found here: [Link](#)



## Write:

It is really important to know what America was like before our unit begins in order to understand why people between 1760-1801 act the way they do! Research answers on the following questions, displayed as a PowerPoint (with pictures if possible!)

- A) What civilizations existed in America before the arrival of the Europeans?
- B) Why were European countries such as Spain & Portugal prepared to embark on voyages of discovery by the sixteenth century? Why did Europeans want colonies?
- C) What legacy did the Spanish leave behind?
- D) What were the British reasons for establishing colonies in North America?
- E) Why did the first English colony, at Jamestown experience hardships in its first decades?
- F) How did British colonists and Indians adapt to each other's presence? How did they get on?



## Listen:

Listen to the following podcast- In our time- Washington and the American Revolution <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p004y28v>

Melvyn Bragg discusses the first President of the United States, George Washington, and the people and ideas that saw the American Revolution overthrow British rule in 1775.



## Watch:

Watch the following episode on the founding of the British

Empire: Paxman- Empire Episode

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Cc4LaSRiSc>

