



Curious about ... History

KS3 RECOMMENDED VIEWING

There are so many fabulous films that we would love our students to watch. Here are some of the History Team's favourites – some are just great films; some show a part of our History that we should know about and understand. Many of our choices are based on real events, people and stories. Please check with your parent(s) or carers that they are happy for you to watch our choices first, to make sure they are suitable for you.

Apollo 13 (1995) – certificate PG. NASA's most successful failure. A gripping space film – a true story starring Tom Hanks and Kevin Bacon.

42 (2023) – certificate 12A. Based on the story of the first professional black American baseball player, Jackie Robinson. Chadwick Boseman stars in this story of racism in the USA and making history in the quest for civil rights.

Hidden Figures (2016) – certificate PG. African American women and their mathematical contributions to the Space Race in 20th century America.

Hitler: The Rise of Evil (2003 mini series) certificate 12: a drama and interpretation about the life of Adolf Hitler- available on a number of streaming channels with long clips available on Youtube.

Darkest Hour (2017) certificate PG: Focuses on Churchill's efforts to unite Parliament and the country behind him following the fall of France in WWII

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (2008) certificate 12: A fictional story but is set in Nazi occupied Poland and allows the viewers to come to understand the Holocaust the story it tells.

The Book Thief (2013) certificate 12: Set in Nazi Germany, it follows the story of a young girl living with her adoptive family, who borrows books and shares them with the Jewish refugee being sheltered by her family.

13 Days (2000) certificate 12: Follows the 13 days of the Cuban Missile Crisis from the perspective of the President's aide). Ideal for Y9 studying the Cold War.

Dunkirk (2017) certificate 12: Tells the story of the evacuation of British and French troops from Dunkirk at the fall of France in WWII.

BBC iPlayer and The History Channel also have lots of worthwhile and accessible documentaries on lots of topics of interest from the ancient Egyptians right up to modern History.

