

STUARTS UNIT HISTORY INDUCTION TASK

Unit One – Breadth Study: Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy, 1603 – 1702

Reading Exercise – Note that this chapter is from an academic book and is therefore more challenging than A level. The idea is not for you to immediately understand the chapter fully and it is expected that you **will** find it hard. Don't worry about this as although you will need to get more comfortable with texts such as these, we do help you understand what historians are saying so you get used to the complexity after two years of study. The idea is for us to see how well you have attempted to understand what we have provided to you and how you manage to work out what is being said. In this way, we get an idea of whether you are capable of studying A level history and hopefully, you will too.

Read the Chapter on James I and make brief notes on it by answering the questions below. This does not have to be done in continuous prose but you should demonstrate a thorough understanding of the chapter as it will provide you with background information that will enable you to successfully begin the A level course

1. Why do you think that the most significant fact about James I is that he was a Scot who successfully and actively ruled Scotland for forty years?
2. What impact did events in James's early life have on him?
3. What ideas were taught to James about government in order to justify his mother's deposition?
4. What ideas of kingship did James believe in?
5. What does James's reaction to the events leading up to his mother's execution tell us about him?
6. In what ways was James's life transformed in September 1579?
7. Explain whether James was too reliant on his favourites
8. How did James seek to resolve problems in Scotland with the governing classes and how successful was he?
9. Why did he have financial problems and how did he attempt to solve these?
10. How did the Scottish Presbyterian Church develop and why was this an issue for the Crown?
11. How did Melville see James's role in the Church?
12. How did James try to tame the Church and was he successful?
13. What qualities did James bring to the throne of England?