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Sixth Form Pre-Course Task

Welcome to History.
You will be studying three main areas

- The Making of a Superpower : USA 1865 - 1975
- Royal Authority and the Angevin Kings 1154 - 1216
- NEA

In preparation for you joining us in September, please complete the following pre-course tasks where you will have the opportunity to showcase your prior knowledge, skills and to outline your specific areas of interest within this subject area more widely.

**You can write your responses directly into the boxes provided or type your responses on a separate document.*

TASK 1: Tell us how this subject links to your future aspirations.
For example, this might be the career you'd like to enter into or the apprenticeship/university course you'd like to pursue.

Useful website for careers guidance:
https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/courses?query=
https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice
https://findapprenticeshiptraining.apprenticeships.education.gov.uk/courses
https://uk.indeed.com/
https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

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TASK 2- Research:

Making of a Superpower : USA 1865 - 1975
The focus of the study is how the USA became the superpower of the 20th Century.
Research the key ways that America became a superpower

- Politically
- Economically
- Socially

Royal Authority & the Angevin Kings 1154 - 1216
The focus of the study is on how much actual authority the three Angevin Kings held.
King Henry II
King Richard
King John
Research the challenges / crises each king faced during their reign.

TASK 3-Written task (word count 300-500 words):

Making of a Superpower : USA 1865 - 1975
Is the USA still a superpower in the year 2025?
Explain why?
Explain how you made your judgement - How did you categorise the information to reach your judgement?

Royal Authority & the Angevin Kings 1154 - 1216
Which king had the weakest authority over the course of their reign.
Explain why?
Explain how you made your judgement - How did you categorise the information to reach your judgement?

Pre-course reading recommendations:

Boyer : American History A very short introduction
Exactly what the title says
ISBN: 9780195389142

Evans : The American Century
Details USA's rise to prominence from the 1880's to present day. Perfect
ISBN: 9780679410706

Dan Jones : The Plantagenets
Covers our topic of the Angevin Kings perfectly
ISBN: 9780007213948

Marc Morris : King John
In depth look at the reign of John and the road to Magna Carta
ISBN: 9780091954239

If you have any questions about this course or require any further information on the tasks set above, please contact jbezant@budmouth-aspirations.org

Please note that all pre-course tasks should be handed to your subject teacher by **Friday 11th September**, if these have been typed then please print them out before handing in.

We look forward to working alongside you and seeing all you can achieve on this course.