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READING LIST

Course Title: The Trial and Execution of Charles I
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 19 Jan 2026 to 16 Feb 2026
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The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
Holmes, Clive	<i>Why was Charles I Executed?</i>
Worden, Blair	<i>The English Civil Wars, 1640-1660</i>

Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

Author	Title
Adamson, John	<i>The Noble Revolt: The Overthrow of Charles I</i>
Carlin, Norah	<i>Regicide or Revolution: What Petitioners Wanted, September 1648-February 1649</i>
Collins, John M	<i>Hidden in Plain Sight: Martial Law and the Making of the High Courts of Justice, 1642-60 (Journal of British Studies, Vol. 53, No. 4 (OCTOBER 2014), pp. 859-884 (26 pages))</i>

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Cressy, David	<i>The Blindness of Charles I (Huntington Library Quarterly, Vol. 78, No. 4 (Winter 2015), pp. 637-656 (20 pages))</i>
Edwards, Graham	<i>The Last Days of Charles I</i>
Harris, Tim	<i>Restoration: Charles II and His Kingdoms, 1660-1685</i>
Healey, Jonathan	<i>The Blazing World: A New History of Revolutionary England</i>
Holmes, Clive	<i>The Remonstrance of the Army and the Execution of Charles I (History, Vol. 104, No. 362 (October 2019), pp. 585-605 (21 pages))</i>
Holmes, Clive	<i>The Trial and Execution of Charles I (The Historical Journal, JUNE 2010, Vol. 53, No. 2 (JUNE 2010), pp. 289-316)</i>
Kelsey, Sean	<i>A Riposte to Clive Holmes, 'The Trial and Execution of Charles I' (History, Vol. 103, No. 4 (357) (October 2018), pp. 525-544 (20 pages))</i>
Kelsey, Sean	<i>Politics and Procedure in the Trial of Charles I (Law and History Review, Vol. 22, No. 1 (Spring, 2004), pp. 1-25)</i>
Kelsey, Sean	<i>The Trial of Charles I (The English Historical Review, Jun., 2003, Vol. 118, No. 477 (Jun., 2003), pp. 583-616)</i>
Kishlansky, Mark	<i>Mission Impossible: Charles I, Oliver Cromwell and the Regicide (The English Historical Review, Vol. 125, No. 515 (AUGUST 2010), pp. 844-874)</i>
Lacey, Andrew	<i>Charles the First and Christ the Second: the creation of a political martyr (In Thomas Freeman and Thomas F. Mayer (eds.), Martyrs and Martyrdom in England, c.1400–1700 (Woodbridge: Boydell, 2007), pp. 203–20.)</i>
Lake, Peter and Peacey, Jason	<i>Insolent proceedings: Rethinking public politics in the English Revolution</i>
Peacey, Jason	<i>The regicides and the execution of Charles I</i>
Robertson, Geoffrey	<i>The Tyrannicide Brief</i>
Tomlinson, Howard	<i>Commemorating Charles I, king and martyr? (History Today, 45:2 (1995), pp. 11–18.)</i>
Wedgwood, C V	<i>The Trial of Charles I</i>