

KEEP FEEDING YOUR

LOVE OF HISTORY

GET TO KNOW A LIBRARIAN

This is the most important tip of all.

Start with your school library but remember to also become a member of your nearest public library. Public libraries are free. If they don't have the books you need, they can often borrow the book from another library for you. This is called an inter-library loan. Librarians are also trained to find information on the web and on a range of digital platforms. They can help you.

Here is a [list of Victoria's public libraries](#).

There are also mobile libraries – buses full of books - that visit lots of smaller towns in regional Victoria. If you go to see the librarian on the mobile library and let them know what you are researching, they can bring the books to you next time they visit. You can find a full list of all the places in Victoria that are visited by mobile libraries [here](#).

! **WARNING!** *Some of the things you will find in the library, and some of the things to watch, read and listen to below, were not made for children or young people. History sometimes contains dark, scary and upsetting stories. You should talk to your parents, carers or teachers about what and how you are researching, and always let them know if you find something that upsets you. (Also, remember to make sure you are allowed to use the data required to download, stream or subscribe to anything!)*

READ

Books, obviously! See 'Get to Know a Librarian'.

As well as non-fiction books about history, you might also enjoy reading fiction that is set in historical times. Your librarian or bookshop can help you find something to try. [This collection](#) from an online bookshop will give you a sense of what's available.

There are also great magazines. Lots of history lovers subscribe to magazines like All About History, History Extra and History Today. You can subscribe to receive digital copies, or you can ask to be sent print copies in the mail. Lots of newsagents have these kinds of magazines, and they can order them in for you too.

Then there are websites where you can lose yourself browsing around in some of the best, factual information. Here are some to get you started:

- [ABC Education](#)
- [National Geographic Kids](#)
- [The National Museum of Australia – Defining Moments](#)
- [The BBC – History](#)
- [The British Museum](#)
- [The Khan Academy](#)
- [Melbourne Museum](#)
- [The History Channel](#)
- [The British Library](#)

WATCH

History documentaries are everywhere! And they keep getting better and better. For example:

- SBS On Demand has The First Australians, an epic series about the experiences of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- ABC iView has Australia's Prime Ministers, and the Horrible Histories series

There are too many history documentaries to count on [YouTube](#). Try the ones made by the BBC, The History Channel and Timeline.

[TED Ed](#) contains a series of short videos. The link will take you to the history topics.

Also, libraries often have DVDs of historical documentaries and the librarian will help you search their collections.



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LISTEN

There are lots of free history podcasts, covering almost every topic. With any kind of computer or device, you can listen while you're on the bus, walking the dog, or sitting in the library.

If you know what you are researching, you can just search for it. Searching for *medieval castle podcast*, for example, comes up with some great options.

Many of these free podcasts have a host who is talking with a historian, so you get information straight from an expert in a way that is easy to understand.

Some of our favourites are listed here. To see if these podcasts have an episode on your topic, just search online for the full title **plus** the word *podcast* **plus** some keywords. For example, for the podcast called History Hit you could search for: "*history hit*" *podcast* *Viking* OR "*history hit*" *podcast* *world war two*

Here they are:

- History Hit – British podcast with Dan Snow, particularly good for Vikings, military history
- BBC In Our Time – Hundreds of episodes on hundreds of different topics. World class.
- Emperors of Rome – Super successful podcast made by Victoria's La Trobe University
- Shooting the Past – An Australian history podcast by the ABC
- The History of Rome – This podcast with Mike Duncan goes into lots of detail
- History Extra – This one is linked to the BBC's History Extra magazine, lots of topics
- Stuff you Missed in History Class – American podcast with many episodes on a broad range of topics
- The Medieval Podcast – A podcast made by enthusiastic medievalists

EXTENDED STUDY

When you are starting VCE, consider taking a VCE Extension Program in History. These programs are available at [the University of Melbourne](#) and [LaTrobe University](#) and cover many different periods of history. Applications for the following year open in second semester.

There are also VCE extension programs in other subjects available through these two universities, and through Monash University, RMIT Extension and Deakin Accelerate (which also offers wholly online courses with real-time seminars).

STUDY WHAT YOU WANT, WHEN YOU WANT

When you are a bit older, you might want to check out sites like [MOOC](#), [Coursera](#) and [The Open University](#) which have lots of free, university history courses that you can do online. No matter what else you are doing with your life, you can also learn history from the best professors all around the world.

