



## **Summer Work for Prospective Year 1 Students**

As part of your preparation for the study of History at A-Level, you are required to undertake two assignments:

- An essay on African-American civil rights.
- An historical research project into the Amritsar Massacre.

For the first assignment, please undertake some research on the two key leaders of the African-American civil rights movement – Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. Then answer the following essay question:

**How far do you agree that, in the civil rights cause for African-Americans, Malcolm X was more influential than Martin Luther King?**

There is no word count, although your essay should comprise of three themed paragraphs in addition to an introduction and conclusion.

# **An Historical Investigation into the Amritsar Massacre**

A massacre of peacefully protesting civilians took place in the Jallianwala Bagh of the holy city of Amritsar on the 13 April 1919. This massacre has, even since, been a highly controversial issue. **Your task is to investigate the sequence of events that fateful day, why this catastrophe occurred, and who was ultimately responsible.** There is plenty of reading on the Amritsar Massacre available on the internet to help you with this project, and plenty of videos to watch on YouTube. Please consider the following questions:

- What was special about the city of Amritsar?
- How did events unfurl in Amritsar on 13 April 1919?
- Why did the massacre occur?
- How many were killed?
- Who was General Dyer?
- What was the Hunter Commission?
- What was the long-term impact of the Amritsar Massacre?

Please be as artistic as you wish in the presentation of your historical research. You could produce any of the following: a picture, a poster, a timeline, a spider diagram, a poem, or a conventional essay. You may wish to write a story with you as a central character, or one of the crowd, in the massacre. It is up to you.

**Please learn through fun with these assignments,  
and submit your work on Enrolment Day.**