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British history, tradition and culture

What should you watch?	What does it tell you about?	What is the format?	Where can you watch it?
Andrew Marr's History of Modern Britain	How has Britain changed since 1945 and what role has politics played in that process?	Television documentary Five one-hour episodes	Available as part of a DVD box set from Amazon from £26.37 or as a standalone DVD from £17.84
The Crown	The reign of Queen Elizabeth II and major events during this period. How the monarchy, government and politics interact is a key feature of this series.	Television drama Three series Ten episodes per series 45-60 minutes per episode	Available on Netflix

Parliament and Government

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Inside the Commons	A behind-the-scenes look at the work of Members of Parliament and House of Commons officials	Television documentary Four one-hour episodes	Available on DVD from Amazon for £12.64
Meet the Lords	Like Inside the Commons, this follows some larger-than-life characters in the House of Lords, one of Britain's oldest, most eccentric and important institutions.	Television documentary Three one-hour episodes	Currently being shown on London Live, which you may be able to watch via Sky, Virgin, YouView or Freeview – details here
The Great Offices of State	Michael Cockerell uncovers the workings of the Home Office, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the Treasury	Television documentary Three one-hour episodes	Two episodes are currently available on YouTube Home Office: The Dark Department Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Palace of Dreams The Secret Treasury
The Secret World of Whitehall	In this documentary, Michael Cockerell stalks the corridors of power in Whitehall to tell the inside story of what's gone on over the years in the great institutions at the heart of government	Television documentary Three one-hour episodes	All episodes are currently available on YouTube The Cabinet Office: The Real Sir Humphrey No 10: Behind the Black Door Private Offices: The Network
The House of Cards	Made in the early 1990s, this British original is the inspiration for the US Netflix hit. Follow the fictional ruthless Chief Whip Francis Urquhart as he practices extreme politics to claw his way to the top.	Television drama Three series Four episodes per series 50-60 minutes each	Available to purchase on Amazon Prime for £4.49 per series

The Conservative Party

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The Cameron Years	Drawing on an extended interview with David Cameron, this documentary examines his leadership of the Conservative Party and his time as prime minister, including his defeat in the 2016 EU referendum.	Television documentary Two one-hour episodes	Currently available on BBC iPlayer Episode 1 – A Huge Fight on My Hands Episode 2 – The Best Is Yet to Come
Thatcher: A Very British Revolution	Margaret Thatcher's inner circle reveal how she won power and dominated British life through a turbulent decade.	Television documentary Five one-hour episodes	Currently available on BBC iPlayer Episode 1 – Making Margaret Episode 2 – Power Episode 3 – Enemies Episode 4 – That Bloody Woman Episode 5 – Downfall
The Iron Lady	A biographical film based on the life and career of Margaret Thatcher.	Film 104 minutes	Available to rent on YouTube, Google Play and Amazon Prime for £3.49
The Long Walk to Finchley	A satirical look at Margaret Thatcher's early years charting her attempt to become a Conservative MP in the 1950s – but is she too much of a rebel?	Film 80 minutes	Available to watch on YouTube
Thatcher: The Downing Street Years	Margaret Thatcher's 11 years as prime minister, examining how she rejected the post-war consensus, fought the unions, refused to compromise, established herself on the world stage and was eventually brought down.	Television documentary Four one-hour episodes	Two episodes are currently available on YouTube Episode 1 – Woman at War Episode 2 – Best of Enemies Episode 3 – Midnight in Moscow, Twilight in London Episode 4 – Wielding the Knife
Tory! Tory! Tory!	The history of the people and the ideas behind what became known as Thatcherism.	Television documentary Three one-hour episodes	All episodes are currently available on YouTube Episode 1 – Outsiders Episode 2 – The Road to Power Episode 3 – The Exercise of Power

The Labour Party

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The Wilderness Years	How Labour made its way from defeat in the 1979 election through the factional battles of the early 1980s, the professionalism of the party under Neil Kinnock and the emergence of Tony Blair and New Labour.	Television documentary Four one-hour episodes	All episodes are currently available on YouTube Episode 1 – Cast into the Wilderness Episode 2 – Comrades of War Epidsode 3 – Enter the Rose Episode 4 – The Pursuit of Power
Labour - The Summer That Changed Everything	Film-maker David Modell follows Labour MPs through an extraordinary six months in the life of their party, through the 2017 election and its aftermath, as the shocking result changes British politics in ways few of them predicted.	Television documentary 60 minutes	Unfortunately this is not currently available on any platform Clips are available on the BBC website
The Project	Following the lives of a fictional group of young Labour activists in the 1990s who work to get the party elected in 1997 and then play different roles in the party in government.	Television drama Two episodes 100 minutes each	All episodes are currently available on YouTube Episode 1 Epsiode 2
The Deal	A drama probing the enduring, complex and often tense relationship between Tony Blair and Gordon Brown and their supposed 'Granita deal' of 1994.	Television drama 75 minutes	Available on 4od

US Government & Politics

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Inside Obama's White House	How President Barack Obama tried to reshape America as told by his inner circle - and the president himself.	Television documentary Four one-hour episodes	Available to buy on YouTube from £6.99 Episode 1 – 100 Days Episode 2 – Obamacare Episode 3 – Don't Screw It Up Episode 4 – The Arc of History
The West Wing	Follow the fictional Bartlett administration through its two terms in office. This series demonstrates the machinations of US government, separation of powers and checks and balances, as well as dealing with some key debates in US politics.	Television drama Seven series 21-23 episodes per series 42 minutes per episode	Available to purchase on Amazon Prime for £17.99 per series A DVD boxset containing all series is available from Amazon for £49.99