

### Wolf Hall

- 1 SIR – I applaud Hilary Mantel for refusing to dumb down *Wolf Hall* for television (report, January 17). If history had been rigorously taught in recent years, instead of served as sound bites to a generation brought up to expect academic subjects to be made 'relevant' to their own lives, there would be no need for such a debate.
- 2 The idea that by 1 the political complexity of the story, the programme would appeal to a wider audience, is misguided. What's wrong with being challenged and stretched once in a while?

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