

Year 8 History Curriculum

History Year 8	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic/Unit to be studied	Was Henry VIII right to split from the Catholic Church	Should we remember the 5th November	Why did people believe in witches and witchcraft in England	How did the Enlightenment change the way people thought?	What was the triangular slave trade and why did it end?	Investigation on Victorian Britain.
Subject Content Outline	The reign of Henry VIII focusing mainly on the consequences of the reformation	The events surrounding the attempted assassination of James I	An investigation of the social history of Britain in the 15th and 16th centuries.	Case studies from the enlightenment/ renaissance charting superstition to science.	Investigate the trade of slaves from Africa to Europe and the New World in the 18th century.	Either Britain's influence abroad OR The East End of London
Aims/Assessment Objectives	Causation and chronology.	Analysis of evidence and use of sources. Framing historical questions. constructing historical narratives	Historical empathy, similarity and differences, analysing trends. Historical significance.	Change and continuity, cause and consequence, making connection, framing historically valid questions	Understand the expansion and dissolution of empires and features of past non-european societies. Significance.	Evaluate the achievement and follies of mankind. Source analysis. Historical significance
Assessment	Timed essay on the causes and consequences of the reformation	Explanation of what really happened on 5th November	Sources assessment and/or written analysis of events	Timed essay on continuity and change in Europe during the enlightenment	Timed essay on the nature and process of the transatlantic slave trade.	Verbal presentation on chronology of events.
Cross curricular opportunities	Literacy and SPaG	Literacy, media, writing to inform	Statistics and data analysis.	History of science, maths, art, architecture.	Mapping the world and human geography	Mapping, literacy
Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural	Religious conflict in Europe. Beliefs ideas and attitudes.	Religious conflict. beliefs, ideas and attitudes. Terrorism.	Comparing historical religious and scientific viewpoints	The shift from superstition to science.	Study on non-european societies . Morality of slavery	Victorian morality and social change/ tension in victorian Britain
Homework	Research on specific areas of	Research on Gunpowder plot.	Research witchcraze and	Research key enlightenment	Creative writing narrative of the	Research Victorian Britain

	the course. e.g. Monasteries, Henry VIII and wives. Essay planning	Essay planning	essay planning	figures and ideas	slave trade.	and the Empire.
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