Subject: History

Year: 8

The British Empire

Key Concept – Interpretations

Should the British Empire be described as a 'good thing?'

- Concept of an empire
- Development of British Empire – its geographical scale and how it was formed
- British colonisation of India

 life in pre-colonial India,
 the East India Company
 and the impact of
 colonisation

The Transatlantic Slave Trade

Key Concept – Evidence

What do real-life experiences reveal about the Transatlantic Slave Trade?

- Concept of slavery
- Beginning stages of an enslaved person's journey, including the role of the Slave Trade Triangle and Middle Passage, specifically looking at the experience of Olaudah Equiano
- The arrival of enslaved people in the Americas – the auction process and conditions on a plantation
- The resistance and rebellion of enslaved people, including the Underground Railroad, role of Harriet Tubman and the Haiti Revolution and its consequences.
- Abolition and the role of abolitionists and the reflection of Britain's role in the Slave Trade.

The Industrial Revolution

Key Concept – Change and continuity

To what extent was Britain changed by the Industrial Revolution?

- Concept of a revolution and industry
- Life in Britain in 1750 the role of the domestic system and working lives
- The development of the factory system and its impact on ordinary lives
- Public health problems and solutions
- Local case study of Preston in the Industrial Revolution

First World War

Key Concept: Causation, Evidence

How did murder lead to war in 1914?

- MAIN causes of the war
- Assassination of Franz Ferdinand

What made the First World War so terrible?

- The development of trench warfare and trench conditions
- The development of weaponry in battles
- The development of the Home Front
- Treaty of Versailles and its impact

Interwar and outbreak of the Second World War

Key Concept – Interpretations and causation

The First World War was supposed to be 'the war to end all wars.' What happened?

- Rise of Adolf Hitler
- Germany's economic problems in the 1920s and its impact
- Life in Nazi Germany
- Hitler's steps to war
- Causes of Second World War

Ludus Admirandus