



Armfield Academy – Department of History – Key Stage 3

Year 7 Scheme of Work (Curriculum Overview)



Half Term 1		
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – Why are the Vikings known as “raiders and traders”? / How did England get a new king in 1066?	
	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Week 1	What is history?	What does a historian do?
Week 2	Feedback Who were the Vikings?	How did the Vikings threaten Britain?
Week 3	What impact did the Vikings have on Britain?	What can archaeology reveal about the Vikings?
Week 4	Review: How were the Vikings raiders and traders?	Assessment: Why were the Vikings known as “raiders and traders”?
Week 5	Feedback What challenges did Edward the Confessor face?	Who should be king of England in 1066?
Week 6	How did the Viking threat to England end in 1066?	Who had the strongest army at Hastings?
Week 7	What happened at the Battle of Hastings?	Why did William win at the Battle of Hastings?
Week 8	Review: How did England get a new king in 1066?	Assessment: How did England get a new king in 1066?
Half Term 2		
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – How did the Normans control England? / What challenges did Medieval kings face?	
	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Week 1	Feedback How did the Normans use castles to gain control?	How did William the Conqueror respond to rebellion?
Week 2	How did the Normans use the land to keep control?	How did the Domesday Book help the Normans to keep control?
Week 3	How did the Normans control the church?	Review: How did the Normans control England?
Week 4	Assessment: How did the Normans control England?	Feedback How significant was religion in Medieval England?
Week 5	How did the relationship between Henry II and Thomas Becket change over time?	Was King John the “worst of English Kings”?
Week 6	Why was the Magna Carta significant?	How did the Magna Carta change over time?
Week 7	Why did the peasants revolt in 1381?	Review: What challenges did Medieval kings face?
Half Term 3		
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – Could a woman rule in Medieval England? / What was the impact of the Black Death on England?	
	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Week 1	Assessment: What challenges did Medieval kings face?	Feedback What was it like to be a woman in Medieval England?
Week 2	Who was the Lady of the English?	How powerful was Eleanor of Aquitaine?
Week 3	Was Isabella of France a Medieval she-wolf?	Review: How powerful were medieval women?
Week 4	Assessment: Could a woman rule in Medieval England?	Feedback What was life like in a medieval town and village?
Week 5	What did people think had caused the Black Death?	Who treated the sick in Medieval England?
Week 6	Mid-Year Review	Mid-Year Review
Half Term 4		
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – What was the impact of the Black Death on England? How did the Renaissance change Europe?	
	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Week 1	What were the consequences of the Black Death?	Review: What can the Black Death reveal about life in Medieval England?
Week 2	Assessment: What was the impact of the Black Death on England?	Feedback What was the Renaissance?
Week 3	Why was Gutenberg a significant individual?	Why was there a Reformation in Europe?
Week 4	What was the impact of the Reformation?	Assessment: How did the Renaissance change Europe?
Week 5	Review: How did the Renaissance change Europe?	Feedback What was Henry VIII's problem by 1534?
Week 6	Why did Henry VIII break from Rome?	Why did Henry VIII dissolve the monasteries?
Half Term 5		
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – Why was the Tudor Period known as a “religious rollercoaster”? / Why was there an “Age of Exploration” during the Elizabethan Era?	
	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Week 1	How did Edward VI change England?	Why was Mary I referred to as ‘Bloody Mary’?
Week 2	What was Elizabeth I's ‘Middle Way’?	Review: How did religion change during the Tudor Period?
Week 3	Assessment: Why was the Tudor Period known as a “religious rollercoaster”?	Feedback England and Spain: Why were they rivals?
Week 4	Why did exploration increase during the Elizabethan Era?	Who were Elizabeth I's “sea dogs”?
Week 5	Why did Britain's early colonies fail?	Review: Why was the Elizabethan Era known as a “Golden Age?”
Half Term 6		
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – What does witchcraft reveal about life in Stuart England? / Could a King ever be equal to God?	
	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Week 1	Assessment: Why was there an “Age of Exploration” during the Elizabethan Era?	Feedback Was James I a good choice for King of England?
Week 2	Why did witchcraft accusations increase in the 17 th century?	What characteristics did a “witch” have?
Week 3	How would you decide if someone was guilty of witchcraft?	Review: What does witchcraft reveal about life in Stuart England?
Week 4	Assessment: What does witchcraft reveal about life in Stuart England?	Feedback Why blow up Parliament?
Week 5	What caused the English Civil War?	Was Charles I guilty of his crimes?
Week 6	Was Oliver Cromwell a war criminal?	What was the Restoration?
Week 7	Local history: What can the Domesday Book reveal about Blackpool?	Local history: Why did witch trials happen in Pendle?
Week 8	End of Year Revision	End of Year Examination