



Year 8 Curriculum Overview

Half Term 1	
Date	Curriculum Overview Topic: Empire, Slavery & Civil Rights
WC 02/09	What is an Empire and why build one? (British India and the Scramble for Africa). History words of the week.
WC 09/09	What was Africa like before the slave trade? What were conditions like on the Middle Passage? History words of the week.
WC 16/09	Knowledge quiz. What happened at slave auctions? Were all slave experiences the same? History words of the week.
WC 23/09	How did slaves rebel? Why was slavery abolished? History words of the week.
WC 30/09	Knowledge quiz. Why was 'legal' freedom problematic?: The establishment of Jim Crow in America. History words of the week.
WC 07/10	Was Martin Luther King Jr. The key to the success of the Civil Rights movement? History words of the week.
WC 14/10	Assessment, feedback (DIRT) and pupil voice.
Half Term 2	
Date	Curriculum Overview Topic: The Industrial Revolution, Victorian Britain & Jack the Ripper
WC 04/11	How did the Industrial revolution change Britain? Were all mill owners the same? History words of the week.
WC 11/11	Knowledge quiz. To what extent was there a revolution in transport? History words of the week.
WC 18/11	Why were Industrial towns so unhealthy? Cholera: Britain's hidden killer. History words of the week.
WC 25/11	Knowledge quiz. Industrial Britain: the Birth of Blackpool? History words of the week.
WC 02/12	What were conditions like in Whitechapel? Who were the victims of Jack the Ripper? History words of the week.
WC 09/12	Knowledge quiz. What can the murders of Jack the Ripper reveal about life in Victorian Britain? History words of the week.
WC 16/12	To what extent was there a revolution in medicine in Victorian England? History words of the week.
Half Term 3	
Date	Curriculum Overview Topic: The First World War
WC 06/01	Assessment, feedback (DIRT) and pupil voice.
WC 13/01	What caused WWI? Was WWI triggered by a single bullet? History words of the week.
WC 20/01	Knowledge quiz. Propaganda, recruitment, conscription and trench life. History words of the week.
WC 27/01	The Battle of the Somme: Lions led by Donkeys? History words of the week.
WC 03/02	Knowledge quiz. What is total war? Should British men have been "shot at dawn"? History words of the week.
WC 10/02	A truly 'world' war? Colonial troops in WWI. History words of the week.
WC 17/02	Knowledge quiz. How did WWI end? Why was WWI beneficial for medicine? History words of the week.
Half Term 4	
Date	Curriculum Overview Topic: Female Suffrage in Britain & the Rise of Hitler's Germany
WC 24/02	Why did woman want the vote? Suffragists vs. Suffragettes. History words of the week.
WC 02/03	Knowledge quiz. Was Emily Davison a martyr for female suffrage? History words of the week.
WC 09/03	Assessment, feedback (DIRT) and pupil voice.
WC 16/03	Knowledge quiz. How was Hitler able to rise to power? History words of the week.
WC 23/03	How did life change for woman and children? History words of the week.
WC 30/03	Knowledge quiz. Why was Nazi propaganda so effective? What message did the Nazis cultivate? History words of the week.
Half Term 5	
Date	Curriculum Overview Topic: The Holocaust
WC 20/04	Who were the Jewish people of Europe before WWII? History words of the week.
WC 27/04	Knowledge quiz. What was the Holocaust? Interactive timeline exercise. History words of the week.
WC 05/05	What was life in the ghettos like? How did Britain react to the horror of the Holocaust? History words of the week.
WC 11/05	Knowledge quiz. Perpetrators, bystanders, collaborators and rescuers: Who deserves responsibility? History words of the week.
WC 18/05	Lessons learnt?: Post-WWII genocides. History words of the week.
Half Term 6	
Date	Curriculum Overview Topic: The Second World War
WC 01/06	Knowledge quiz. Was appeasement the correct choice? Was WWII inevitable? History words of the week.
WC 08/06	How significant was the Battle of Britain? Was evacuation a great adventure for all? History words of the week.
WC 15/06	Knowledge quiz. Did the Blitz spirit exist? Dunkirk: A glorious victory, or a devastating defeat? History words of the week.
WC 22/06	Assessment, feedback (DIRT) and pupil voice.
WC 29/06	Knowledge quiz. What happened at Pearl Harbour? Why was Stalingrad significant? History words of the week.
WC 06/07	How successful was the British campaign in Burma? To what extent did the French "give in" in WWII? History words of the week.
WC 13/07	Knowledge quiz. Should America have dropped the Atomic Bomb? How did WWII end? History words of the week.

- ✓ History words of the week will check students' understanding of three key terms within their historical studies and will be completed at the start of the first lesson of each week.
- ✓ Knowledge quizzes will be completed every two weeks and will ask students to answer questions based both on their short-term and long-term learning in order to make links to prior learning, check progress and interleave topics to ensure the construction of a continuously evolving historical narrative. .
- ✓ Overarching themes: medicine, warfare, persecution and discrimination, power to the people, social change.