1. What was the importance of the Reformation?

Theme: The power of beliefs

Unit 1 is a study of the Reformation and the impact this has had on Britain. We will begin by looking at the causes of the reformation, for example, Henry VIII's desire for a male heir to the throne. We will then move on to look at the long- and short-term consequences of the Reformation, both on the people and the monarchy. To conclude the unit we will conduct a brief case study on the reign of Elizabeth I as a significant individual. **Skill: Interpretations**

2. What was the impact of 1649 on political power?

Theme: The development of political power

Unit 2 is a study of the English Civil War. The English Civil war broke out in 1642 after Charles I declared war on parliament. We will begin by looking at causes of this conflict, such as Charles' marriage to Henrietta Maria and the Grand Remonstrance. We will then move on to consider some of the key battles of the war and its eventual end with the execution of Charles I. We will then consider the impact of the civil war on political power. We will consider the impact of Oliver Cromwell. Finally, we will look at the restoration of the monarchy, taking into consideration the reduced role of the monarchy following the Glorious Revolution and the Bill of Rights. **Skill: Evaluation**

Year 8

Half Term 1

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Half Term 6

4. How did the industrial revolution change the landscape and lives of British people?

Theme: The development of British society

During unit 3 we will be looking at the changes brought about in the Industrial Revolution. We will begin by looking at the agricultural revolution, and how these changes in farming forced people to diversify into new jobs and migrate to the cities. We will then go on to look at the conditions inside the factories. Finally, we will look at the conditions inside the newly expanded cities. We will study housing at this time and how this led to an array of dangerous diseases! **Skill: PEA paragraphs**

3. What was the cost of British expansion?

Theme: The impact of discrimination on society and people

Pupils study the reasons why the transatlantic slave trade began, the key features of the slave trade and the consequences for both Britain, Africa and those enslaved people. Finally, we will look at emancipation, and the process of ending Britain's involvement in the slave trade. We will then move on to look at the British Empire. We will look at the nature of the empire alongside the short and long term consequences of British expansion. **Skill: source utility**

5. Was World War I the war to end all wars?

Skill: The importance of individuals

Unit 2 is a study of WWI and the impact it had on the development of British society. We will begin by looking at the causes of WWI, before considering the reasons why soldiers enlisted and the conditions inside the trenches. We will also consider key battles, such as the Somme. Finally, we will look at the impact of WWI on Britain. This will include looking and the positive and negative advancements that occurred as a result of the conflict. Finally we will consider the long-term consequences of WWI, which includes the rise of nationalism across Europe. **Skill: Evaluation, narrative account**

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