

Subject on a Page: History



In a nutshell:

"History" is the study of past events, particularly how they relate to humans. It's a way of understanding how societies, cultures, governments, and individuals have changed over time and how those changes shape the present and future.

In history we:

- 1. Explore the past**
- 2. Examine sources and interpretations**
- 3. Debate the past**
- 4. Learn from the past**

Think like a historian :

- Remember that historians examine a wide range of sources as evidence. All sources have uses, yet some sources are more reliable than others. Historians must be able to look at source evidence *critically*.**
- Historians also need to evaluate different interpretations (views) of the past.**

Write and talk like a historian:

- Chronology**
- Sources**
- Interpretations**
- Provenance**
- Significance**
- Cause and consequence**
- Continuity and change**

Read like a historian :

We recommend the following textbooks, aimed at A Level historians:

- Britain "1900 – 1957" – Michael Lynch**
- "The Crusades" – Michael Riley**
- "Russia and its Rulers" – Andrew Holland**

Revise like a historian :

- Self test using your knowledge organisers.**
- Produce high quality revision materials: flashcards and mind maps are very useful in history.**
- Re-do past exam questions and give these to your teacher for re-marking.**

Experience it like a historian :

- Visit history sites in the local area e.g. castles, churches, museums, memorials.**
- Watch history documentaries on iPlayer or YouTube.**
- Read historical fiction from the periods of study e.g. for Britain "Road to Wigan Pier" by George Orwell**

Progress to a career in:

- History – heritage and marketing**
- Archaeology**
- Museum curator**
- Archivist**
- Education – secondary or higher sectors**
- Law**
- Local government**
- Journalism**