

Curriculum Overview: History

Year group: 8

What your child will learn each half term

This overview shows the key topics, skills, and knowledge your child will be learning in **History** in **Year 8**. It helps families understand what's being taught, how it builds on previous learning, and how you can support your child at home.

- What we are learning: The topic or focus for the half term.
- **Key knowledge & skills**: What students should understand and be able to do.
- **How we assess learning**: knowledge checks, practical tasks, written responses and formal assessments.
- **Key words to know**: Vocabulary students will learn and use.

Half term	What we are learning	Key knowledge and key skills	How we will assess learning in this unit	Homework	Key vocabulary for this unit
HT 1	How different	Da Vinci	A range of short written tasks	Homework	Anatomy
	was the	Printing Press	describing and explaining.	booklet 1 and	Colonisation
Topic 1	Renaissance to	Medical developments		the activities.	Communication
	the medieval	Artwork and architecture	Extended writing assessment.		Discovery
	period?	New World			Dissection
		Impact on Britain			Empire
		Skills			Exploration
		Descriptive writing			Indigenous
		Explanation writing			Renaissance
		Change and continuity – extent of change.			Trade
		Significance			
HT 2/3	What were the	Capture	A range of short written tasks	Homework	Abolition
	impacts of	Middle passage	describing and explaining.	booklet 2 and	Auction
Topic 2	transatlantic	Life on plantations		the activities.	Enslaved
	enslavement?	Resistance	Source work tasks.		Legacy
		Abolition			Middle passage
		Role of NW England	Extended writing assessment.		Petition
		Black Britons			Resistance
		Scramble for Africa	Debates.		Scramble
					Trade
		Skills	Knowledge check on key		Transatlantic
		Descriptive writing	definitions.		
		Explanation writing			
		Source skills, e.g., infer and gathering evidence.			
		Cause and consequence			
		Significance			
HT3	What have	Transportation	A range of short written tasks	Homework	Cotton
	historians found	Industrial towns	describing and explaining.	booklet 3 and	Factory
Topic 3	out about the	Factories		the activities.	Industrial
	impact of the	Creation of Blackpool	Source work tasks.		Leisure
	Industrial	Leisure time/football			Machines

Revolution in Lancashire? Skills Descriptive writing Explanation writing Source skills, e.g., infer and gathering evidence Interpretations Knowledge check on key definitions.	Manufactured Railways Revolution Terraced Textile
Descriptive writing Explanation writing Source skills, e.g., infer and gathering evidence Interpretations	Revolution Terraced
Explanation writing Source skills, e.g., infer and gathering evidence Interpretations	Terraced
Source skills, e.g., infer and gathering evidence Interpretations	
Interpretations	Textile
Change and continuity	
	manus Ant
	omework Act oklet 4 and Cholera
	e activities. Compulsory Health
during the Government actions	Government
Industrial Debates.	Nursing
Revolution? Skills	Pavilion plan
Descriptive writing Knowledge check on key	Smallpox
Explanation writing definitions.	Spot map
Significance	Vaccination
	omework Colonised
	oklet 5 and Empire
	e activities. Interpretation
Laksmi Bai Debates.	Mughal
British India	Mutiny
Victoria and India Knowledge check on key	Proclamation
Women in the British Raj definitions.	Raj
	Rebellion
Skills Skills	Sepoys
Descriptive writing	Trade
Explanation writing	
Significance	
Cause and consequences	
Interpretations	
HT 6 How did Britain Declining power of the monarch A range of short written tasks Ho	mework Chartist
become a Peterloo Massacre describing and explaining. boo	oklet 6 and Civil War
Topic 6 democracy? The Chartists the	e activities. Democracy
The suffragettes Debates.	Government
Women in WWI	Massacre
Skills Knowledge check on key	Monarch
Descriptive writing definitions.	Parliament
Explanation writing	Protest
Source skills, e.g., infer and gathering evidence	Suffragette
Significance	Vote
Change and continuity	