

History at West Hill School

Welcome budding West Hill historians!

The next two pages will help you develop the key skills to be a successful history scholar!

Read on....

The first important skill you need to be a successful history scholar is **chronology**.

Key term

Chronology - to put events in order of time.

'Show you know' work:

1. Why do you think **chronology** is important to historians?

2. Research the dates of the following important events and put them in **chronological order**.

- James VI of Scotland crowned King of England
- The start of the First World War.
- The Battle of Hastings.
- The Slavery Abolition Act
- The end of the Second World War

The second important key skill to be a successful history scholar is **independent research**. You have already done some of this in the activity above!

Key term:

Independent research - to find out information with little help from others.

3. **'Show you know'** work:

Research each of the events on the first page and write at least three sentences about each one. Think about: WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY? HOW?

The third key skill to be a successful history scholar is understanding **significance**.

Key term

significance - something that is very important and worthy of our attention

4. **'Show you know'** work

Use your independent research skills to explain why each of the events on the first page are **significant**. Think about what they **changed**.

The final key skill to be a successful history scholar is using **historical sources**

Key term

Historical source - a place, person or object that can teach us about our past

5. **'Show you know'** work

- Find an old object in your house. Ideas may include a photograph, a trophy, a newspaper cutting, a letter....
- Explain what this object can teach a stranger about you/ your family or your past?
- Can this object teach a stranger EVERYTHING about you? What is missing?
- What other objects could you use to get a better understanding about you/ your family or your past?

Well done! You now have a clearer understanding of what it takes to be a successful history scholar at West Hill School. We can't wait to meet you and teach you more!

Finally...

If you have a favourite historical place or site, we would love to hear about it. Have a look at the History department's favourite historical sites on our webpage.