

History



Curriculum Overview Key Stage 3&4

KEY STAGE 3		
	Topic	Key Themes
YEAR 7	Term 1 The Norman Conquest	What was England like before the Battle of Hastings? Why was England a battlefield in 1066? How did William take control of England?
	Term 2 Religion in Medieval England	Why was the Church so important in people's lives? Why was the Archbishop of Canterbury murdered? Did the church make everyone good?
	Term 3 The Crusades	Why was Jerusalem worth dying for? Did the Crusades change the Holy Land?

	Term 4 The Problems of Medieval Monarchs	What happened to England's medieval monarchs? How important were England's medieval queens? How powerful were English monarchs?
	Term 5 The Black Death	Was 1348 the end of the world? What was it like to live in the shadows of the Black Death?
	Term 6 Migration	Who were the first English people? What drove people to migrate? How have migrants changed Britain?
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YEAR 8	Term 1 Challenges to the Catholic Church	Was the Reformation a 'good thing'? Who won: Catholics or Protestants?
	Term 2 The English Civil War	Why did the English fight the English in 1642? What were the differences between the Roundheads and the Cavaliers? Why did the English kill their king?
	Term 3 Changing ideas: 1660 to 1789	Why were the kings back in fashion by 1660? What made Restoration London exciting? Who run the country: Crown or parliament? How 'modern' was England by 1789?
	Term 4 The slave trade	What was it like to be involved in the slave trade? Why was the slave trade abolished? The history of slavery
	Term 5 The British Empire	How did the British Empire develop? Who benefited from the British Empire?
	Term 6 The Industrial Revolution	What was the Industrial Revolution? Would you have survived the Industrial Revolution? Did the Industrial Revolution bring progress and improvement for all?

		Murder Mystery: Why was Jack Ripper never caught?
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YEAR 9	Term 1 World War I	<p>The alliance system and how it developed in the lead up to war</p> <p>Germany's position in central Europe</p> <p>Story of Sarajevo</p> <p>Series of events following the assassination which led to war</p> <p>Different historian's views of who was to blame for starting the war</p> <p>Who fought in the First World War? Recruitment and conscription</p> <p>Key features of trench warfare on the western front</p> <p>The Battle of the Somme</p>
	Term 2 Weimar and Nazi Germany	<p>The Legacy of the First World War</p> <p>The Weimar Constitution</p> <p>The Treaty of Versailles</p> <p>Challenges to the Republic from the left and right</p>
	Term 3 Weimar and Nazi Germany	<p>Hyperinflation</p> <p>Reasons for economic recovery</p> <p>The standard of living</p> <p>The position of women</p> <p>Cultural changes</p> <p>Hitler's rise to power</p> <p>The Munich Putsch</p> <p>The lean years, 1924-28</p> <p>Unemployment and its impact</p>
	Term 4 Weimar and Nazi Germany	<p>Growth in support for the Nazis</p> <p>Political developments 1932</p> <p>Nazi control and Dictatorship, 1933-39</p> <p>The Nazi police state</p> <p>Goebbels and the Ministry of Propaganda</p> <p>The Nazi control of Arts and sport</p> <p>The extent of support for the Nazi regime</p> <p>Life in Nazi Germany, 1933-39</p> <p>Employment and living standards</p> <p>The persecution of Minorities</p>
	Term 5 World War II	<p>What is Fascism?</p> <p>Who was Adolf Hitler and what did he believe in?</p> <p>Nazi ideas about nationalism, race and Lebensraum, and how these contributed to the outbreak of the Second World War</p>
	Term 6 The Holocaust	<p>Anti-Semitism in 1930s Germany, Nuremburg Laws, Kristallnacht</p> <p>Kindertransport and Oskar Schindler</p>

		<p>Bystanders / perpetrators concept</p> <p>Approach holocaust using a personal story</p> <p>What happened?</p> <p>Why did the Holocaust happen: Tie this to decision making within the Nazi party – who came up with the Final Solution? Who carried it out?</p> <p>Look at all causes of the Holocaust</p> <p>Different explanations put forward by historians to explain how and why it happened</p>
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KEY STAGE 4		
Examination Specification: Edexcel		
	Topic	Key Themes
YEAR 10	Term 1 Superpower relations	<p>The origins of the Cold War, 1941-58</p> <p>Early tensions between East and West</p> <p>The development of the Cold War</p> <p>The Cold War intensifies</p> <p>Berlin 1958-63</p>
	Term 2 Superpower relations	<p>The Cuban Missile Crisis</p> <p>Czechoslovakia, 1968-69</p> <p>The end of the Cold War, 1970-91</p> <p>Attempts to reduce tension between East and West, 1969-79</p>
	Term 3 Superpower relations	<p>Flashpoints in superpower relations, 1979-84</p> <p>The collapse of the Soviet control in Eastern Europe. 1985-91</p>
	Term 4 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England	<p>Anglo-Saxon society</p> <p>The last years of Edward the Confessor and succession crisis</p> <p>The rival claimants to the throne</p> <p>The Norman invasion</p>
	Term 5 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England	<p>Establishing control by William</p> <p>Anglo-Saxon resistance, 1068-71</p> <p>The legacy of the resistance to 1087</p> <p>Revolt of the Earls, 1075</p>
	Term 6 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England	<p>Norman England, 1066-88</p> <p>The feudal system and the Church</p> <p>Norman government</p> <p>The Norman aristocracy</p> <p>William and his sons</p>

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YEAR 11	Term 1	<p>C1250-c1500: Medieval warfare and English society</p> <p>The nature of warfare The experience of warfare The Battle of Falkirk, 1298 The Battle of Agincourt, 1415</p> <p>C1500-c1700: Warfare and English society in the early modern period</p> <p>The nature of warfare The experience of warfare The Battle of Naseby</p>
	Term 2	<p>C1700-c1900: Warfare and British society in the 18th and 19th centuries.</p> <p>The nature of warfare The experience of warfare The nature of warfare The experience of warfare The Battle of Wterloo, 1815 The Battle of Balaclava, 1854</p>
	Term 3	<p>C1900-present: Warfare and British society in the modern era</p> <p>The nature of warfare The experience of warfare The Western front and the Battle of the Somme, 1916 The Iraq war, 2003</p>
	Term 4	<p>London and the Second World War, 1939-45</p> <p>The context of London in the Second World War The First Blitz, September 1940-May 1941 The impact of the Blitz on civilian life V1 and V2 attacks, June 1944-March 1945 London's response to war</p>
	Term 5	Revision and Exam

	Term 6	Exams
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Extracurricular and Enrichment opportunities

- Trio to Berlin
- Trip to Normandy
- Trip to the Imperial War Museum in London

