Curriculum Overview

Subject: History

Year Group: 8



Britain remains a strong focus in Year 8. Students begin the year by examining the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Topics include social and economic changes during the Industrial Revolution, World War 2, The Holocaust and finishing with a research project about Britain in the 1960s and 1970s.

Students will continue to develop their historical skills depending on their ability. This is based on their QPG flight path. These skills include knowledge, chronology, cause/consequence, significance, ranking and justifying, LSESP, supported opinion.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS
Transatlantic Slave Trade Triangle	World War 2	Holocaust
Life on the Plantations	Causes	Ghettos
Slave Resistance	Blitzkrieg	Warsaw Ghetto
Impact of the Slave Trade on the UK	Dunkirk	Final Solution
Abolition of Slavery in UK and the US	Battle of Britain	Life in the Camps
Britain during the 19th Century	Stalingrad	Resistance
Growth of Towns and Cities in the 19th Century	Pearl Harbour	Liberation
Children during the Factory Age	D-Day	Britain 1950-1970
Transport Revolution	Holocaust	Changes in Britain after World War 2
Southend during the 19th Century	Jewish Community before WW2	Research Project
Jack the Ripper	Antisemitism	·
	Nazi Persecution	Skills:
Skills:		AO1: Describing key features.
AO1: Describing key features.	Skills:	AO2: Judgement, second order concepts
AO2: Judgement, second order concepts	AO1: Describing key features.	(similarity, difference, change,
(similarity, difference, change, continuity,	AO2: Judgement, second order concepts (similarity,	continuity, causation or
causation or consequence.)	difference, change, continuity, causation or	consequence.)
AO3: Analyse, evaluate and use sources (to	consequence.)	AO3: Analyse, evaluate and use sources (to
make substantiated judgements, in the context	AO3: Analyse, evaluate and use sources (to make	make substantiated judgements, in
of historical events studied.	substantiated judgements, in the context of historical	the context of historical events studied
AO4: Analyse, evaluate and make	events studied.	AO4: Analyse, evaluate and make
substantiated judgements about	AO4: Analyse, evaluate and make substantiated	substantiated judgements about
interpretations in the context of historical	judgements about interpretations in the context of	interpretations in the context of
events studied.	historical events studied.	historical events studied.
KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS
Half term 1: Transatlantic Slave Trade.	Half term 1: World War 2.	Weekly homework alternating between recap
Weekly homework alternating between recap	Weekly homework alternating between recap quiz and	quiz and written task.
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Extended reading suggestions and external resources:

There are a number of useful websites - <u>Spartacus Educational (spartacus-educational.com)</u> and <u>Ducksters: Education Site</u> BBC Bitesize is a useful resource for a lot of the topics - KS3 History - BBC Bitesize.

History Year 8 Assessment Criteria

Abbreviations. **SPAG** – Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. **NOP** – Nature, Origin and Purpose. **LSESP** – Long Term, Short Term, Economic, Social and Political

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Analysis and Interpretation	Arriving at a judgement with limited explaining.	Supported opinion.	Can give a (minimum) of two reasons for supported opinion.	Can give a (minimum of) two reasons for supported opinion.
Source Skills	Comprehension source skills – using quotes as supporting evidence. Beginning to consider if a source is reliable (trustworthy).	Strong comprehension source skills. Understanding of NOP.	Accurate use of NOP.	Confident use of NOP and source skills – judging usefulness and/or reliability.
Ranking Evaluation	Beginning to use ranking skills.	Using ranking skills and beginning to justify top choice	Confident use of ranking – justifying top choice.	Confident use of ranking – justifying top choice, with correct terminology.
Consequence	Can tell the difference between a cause and a consequence.	Starting to use the LSESP and confident use of cause/consequence.	Developing LSESP skills – cause and consequence, positive and negative.	Confident using LSESP / cause and consequence /positive and negative.

Literacy Skills	Emerging use of SPAG – Using sentences/paragraphs with most spelling/grammar correct. Can write an answer using paragraphs and connectives such as however, although and therefore.	Good use of SPAG – confidently using sentences/paragraphs. Can write a three (minimum) paragraph essay using introduction/conclusion and connectives.	Good SPAG using connectives in complex sentences. Can write an essay with correct use of paragraphs.	Excellent SPAG – using connectives in complex sentences. Can write a (minimum) five paragraph essay with balanced opinions.
Knowledge	Basic knowledge and using key words – Who, what, when, how, why and where.	Good knowledge and using key words – Who, what, when, how, why and where.	Excellent knowledge and consistently using key words. Can research independently using prompted sources.	Excellent knowledge and consistently using key words. Can research independently using prompted and unprompted sources. Beginning to explore different interpretations of evidence.

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