

Subject: History

Homework: Retrieval practice, revision and exam questions. These are issued weekly.

Year group	Term	Curriculum Focus
7	Autumn 1	Students learn how historians use chronology, explore life in Anglo-Saxon England, and study the 1066 succession crisis. They investigate why William won the Battle of Hastings using evidence and PEE writing.
7	Autumn 2	Students study the murder of Thomas Becket, the Magna Carta, and the Black Death. They analyse causes, consequences and changing beliefs using COP source skills. They end with the Peasants' Revolt and how medieval society began to change.
7	Spring 1	Students explore the Peasants' Revolt, Richard III, and medieval life through sources. They learn why Henry Tudor won Bosworth and how the Reformation reshaped England.
7	Spring 2	Students learn about the Tudors, including Henry VIII's Break with Rome and the Dissolution of the Monasteries. They learn about the lives of black people in Tudor England.
7	Summer 1	Students study Queen Elizabeth I, including the reasons why she did not marry, problems with her cousin, Mary, Queen of Scots and the Spanish Armada. They learn how to understand sources about the past.
7	Summer 2	Students explore the causes of the English Civil War and learn why King Charles I lost his head! They learn about the Puritans and how Oliver Cromwell changed England. They will do their second BASE assessment.
8	Autumn 1	Students study the Industrial Revolution and how Britain transformed between 1750–1900. They explore transport, factories, child labour and the Lunar Society's innovations. They finish with Birmingham's local history and the significance of Bournville.
8	Autumn 2	Students learn how Britain gained an empire and what India was like before British rule. They study the East India Company, the Battle of Plassey and the Indian Rebellion.
8	Spring 1	Students explore the East India Company, the Indian Rebellion and African kingdoms like Mali. They learn how the Transatlantic Slave Trade worked and its devastating impact.
8	Spring 2	Students study the Suffragettes and Suffragists and how women in the UK gained the vote in the 20th century. They learn about how women were treated and what happened to Emily Davison.
8	Summer 1	Students learn about the First World War, including the main causes of the war and the assassination of the archduke Franz Ferdinand. They learn about life in the trenches and the experiences of soldiers in the war.
8	Summer 2	Students explore important battles in the First World War such as the Battle of the Somme. They learn how the First World War ended and the problems it caused. They will do their second BASE assessment.
9	Autumn 1	Students compare democracy and dictatorship and study Hitler's rise to power. They analyse Nazi propaganda, fear and control, and compare Communist and Fascist dictatorships. They finish with the long history of antisemitism and early persecution of Jews.
9	Autumn 2	Students investigate rising violence against Jews and the development of the Final Solution. They study Auschwitz, survivor testimony and responsibility for the Holocaust. They complete a BASE assessment and improve extended writing.

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9	Spring 1	Students examine the causes of WW2, including Hitler's actions and appeasement. They evaluate Dunkirk, the Blitz and the role of Noor Inayat Khan using COP skills. They assess turning points such as Pearl Harbor and Stalingrad.
9	Spring 2	Students explore the key turning points in the Second World War, such as Pearl Harbour, D-Day and Stalingrad. They also learn about Noor Inayat Khan, a famous World War Two spy.
9	Summer 1	Students learn about Black Civil Rights in America. They learn about the Jim Crow laws, the Montgomery Bus Boycott and Martin Luther King.
9	Summer 1	Students examine the history of ancient medicine, from prehistoric people, through to Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. They will do their second BASE assessment.
10	Autumn 1	Students explore Ancient and Medieval medicine, including Hippocrates, Galen and the Four Humours. They study Christian and Islamic medical developments and the challenges of medieval surgery.
10	Autumn 2	Students learn how Pasteur and Koch transformed medicine through Germ Theory. They study anaesthetics, antiseptics and improvements in surgery and public health.
10	Spring 1	Students examine the NHS, source skills and the causes of WW1. They study the peacemakers' aims and the Treaty of Versailles. They analyse reactions to the treaty and its wider consequences.
10	Spring 2	Students study the League of Nations, including problems with the League, its early successes in the 1920s, the threats in the 1930s and the collapse of the League.
10	Summer 1	Students examine the causes of the Second World War, including the occupation of the Rhineland, the Anschluss and appeasement. They study the Nazi-Soviet Pact and the invasion of Poland.
10	Summer 2	Students begin their Germany unit and learn about life in Germany under the Kaiser, the consequences of the First World War and hyperinflation in 1923.
11	Autumn 1	Students study the Munich Putsch, Weimar recovery and the Golden Age. They analyse the Great Depression and why the Nazis gained support. They learn how Hitler became Chancellor and eliminated opposition.
11	Autumn 2	Students examine Nazi racial policy, the Final Solution and methods of control. They study propaganda, censorship, resistance and cultural change under the Nazis.
11	Spring 1	Students begin Elizabethan England, exploring the Northern Rebellion and Catholic plots. They study Mary, Queen of Scots and threats to Elizabeth's rule. They develop 8-mark explanation skills and exam technique.
11	Spring 2	Students study the exploration of the New World by Tudor explorers, Francis Drake and the circumnavigation of the world and the causes of the Spanish Armada. They also cover the Historic Environment study.
11	Summer 1	Students examine exam technique for each of their GCSE history exams. Students will spend this term practicing exam questions and revising for the exams. Their paper 1 exam will be in this half term.
11	Summer 2	Students examine exam technique for each of their GCSE history exams. Students will spend this term practicing exam questions and revising for the exams. Their paper 2 exam will be in this half term.