

Key Stage 3 Curriculum Map: History

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	Topic: Why was Saxon England worth fighting for?	Topic: Did the Normans bring a truck load of trouble in 1066?	Topic: Were the Middle Ages Miserable and Measly?	Topic: Could Medieval Kings always do what they wanted?	Topic: Was there a medieval WWW?	Topic: How did the reformation change the lives of the British people?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Who were the first Britons?How did the Anglo Saxons resist the Vikings?Was Cnut a good ruler?Who won the race for the Crown in 1066?Was Harold I unlucky, or unprepared to defend England?Was William’s victory at Hastings inevitable?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">How did the Normans assert their authority over England?Who were the winners and losers of Norman society?How important were castles to William’s control of England?What changes did the Normans make to the Law and Church?How stable was the Throne after William I died?	Ordinary life: <ul style="list-style-type: none">What were medieval towns and villages like?How far were the lives of the rich and poor different?Why was religion so important in medieval society?What was the Black Death and how was it treated?What was the short-term impact of the Black death?Why did the peasants decide to rebel 35 years after the Black Death?How did the rebellion end?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What was the significance of Henry I and II’s empire?Did an Archbishop destroy the reputation of a King?Did King John change the Monarchy, or the Monarchy change him?How important was the Magna Carta?Why did the Edwards win Wales and Lose Scotland?How important were medieval queens?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Where did the English travel to in the Middle Ages?Why did people go on crusades?Who was the hero – Saladin or Richard the Lionheart?What were the features of the Islamic Golden Age?What did the west learn from the Muslim world?Why was China such an exciting place in 1300?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Was Henry VII a gangster?Why did Henry VIII break up the monasteries?How did Edward change the church?Are we unfair to Mary?What was the impact of the reformation?
	Causation	Interpretations	Mid-Year Assessment / Similarities & differences	Debate	EOY Assessment / Significance	Sources
	Write a narrative account of the events in October 1066 that led to William winning the Battle of Hastings.	How convincing is Simon Schama’s interpretation of the impact of the Norman Conquest?	Compare town life with village life in the middle ages. In what ways were they similar or different?	Was King John the worst King of England?	Explain the significance of the crusades and the Islamic Empire.	How did Henry VIII want to be portrayed?

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Year 8	Topic: Who was in charge in Britain between the 1500s and 1900s?	Topic: Why did the Elizabethans travel the world?	Topic: Why were the British so keen to build and protect their Empire ?	Topic: How should the history of slavery and abolition be told?	Topic: Was the Industrial Revolution disastrous and terrible?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Who had the power in 1500?How and why did the power of the Monarchy change in 1642, 1688, 1707 and 1820?What was wrong with democracy in England in 1650, 1832 and 1884 and 1918?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What do the portraits of Elizabeth I tell us about her?What do the lives of people in Tudor England tell us about why people liked to travel?How and why did America become a British colony?What does the history of Sir Francis Drake and the Sea Dogs tell us about the motives and aims of Elizabethan travelers?Why did Elizabeth I become known as the Sultana Isabel?Why did Elizabeth I send soldiers to Ireland?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What was the British Empire and why are we studying it?What was India like before colonisation?How and why did the British take control of India?Was the Indian rebellion really about a bullet?Why did the British build a colony in Australia?What was the impact of the British Empire on Australia?Why did the British 'scramble for Africa'?Should we remove the 'heroes' of the British Empire from our history?Why was losing the Americas so devastating for the British?Should the British Empire be a source of pride or shame?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What was precolonial Africa like?How did the Slave Trade start?What were the experiences of slavery?How and why do Historians disagree about how the reasons for the abolition of the slave trade? Hero or money?How and why do Historians disagree about the reasons for the abolition of the slave trade? Slave rebellion or ordinary people?Why is studying about Britain's slave trade past so challenging and so important?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What was so special about Britain that meant it became the first Industrial Nation?How far do you agree with Toynbee's view that the Ind Rev was disastrous and terrible? Interrogating the sources.What kind of Boss was Samuel Greg and Saltire?Would you want to live in Manchester in 1850?Why are generalisations dangerous to Historians – Toynbee?	
	Change and continuity	Causation	January: Mid-Year Assessment Assessment/Consequences	Interpretations	Source interrogation / EOY Assessment	
	Describe how the power of the monarchy and the people changed between 1500 to 1900?	Money was the main motivation for the English explorers to travel the World. How far do you agree?	Recall Explain the significance of... Power Empire sources	Why do historians argue about the reasons why slavery ended in 1807?	Recall Impact of Empire Elizabeth sources Slavery Interpretations	

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	Autumn 1/2	Spring 1/2	Summer 1/2
Year 9	Topic: What should be remembered about WW1?	Topic: Why was the 20 th Century a decade of dictators?	Topic: What was the legacy of WW2
	<div>1. What was Britain’s place in the world in 1901?</div> <div>2. Was it really a sandwich that led to a World War?</div> <div>3. Why did men join up to fight?</div> <div>4. What was trench life and trench warfare like?</div> <div>5. Why have the soldiers of the Empire been left out of the story of WW1?</div> <div>6. Where the soldiers of WW1 looked after well?</div> <div>7. Why did the war end in 1918?</div> <div>8. Why was WW1 never going to be the end to all wars?</div> <div>9. How did WW1 change the fortunes of women?</div> <div>10. Were the Suffragettes 20th century terrorists?</div> <div>11. Did WW1 start a revolution?</div> <div>12. What happened to the Romanovs?</div> <div>13. Did WW1 revolutionise medicine?</div> <div>14. Do the positive impacts of WW1 outweigh the negatives?</div>	<div>1. What are the features of a dictatorship?</div> <div>2. What are the key features of Mussolini's dictatorship?</div> <div>3. What were the key features of Stalin’s dictatorship?</div> <div>4. What were the features of Franco’s dictatorship?</div> <div>5. What were the features of Mao’s dictatorship?</div> <div>6. What were the features of Hitler’s dictatorship?</div> <div>7. What was life in Germany like after 1933?</div> <div>8. How were Jews treated before WW1?</div> <div>9. How was the holocaust possible?</div> <div>10. Did the men who carried out the killing have a choice?</div> <div>11. What was the Holocaust and the final solution?</div> <div>12. What does the Holocaust reveal about human nature?</div>	<div>1. Was the atom bomb being dropped justifiable?</div> <div>2. What was the cold war?</div> <div>3. How and why did the Cold war develop?</div> <div>4. What were the hot spots of the cold war?</div> <div>5. How did the British lose their Empire? (Africa and India)</div> <div>6. Why did immigration increase after WW2?</div> <div>7. What was life for the Windrush generation like after they arrived in the UK after WW2?</div> <div>8. What impact has immigration had on Britain since WW2?</div> <div>9. Why did Britain react so differently to the invasion of the Falklands and the seizure of the Suez Canal?</div> <div>10. How has the UK relationship with the EU changed since WW2?</div>
	Causes & Consequences/ Dec: Mid-Year Assessment	Interpretations	Source work / June EOY Assessment
	Why did WW1 start? (Diagram connections) Do the positives outweigh the negatives in WW1?	How convincing is Browning’s interpretation of why people took part in the Holocaust during WW2?	How useful are A ad B in explaining the experiences of Immigrants after WW2?