

YEAR 8 – HISTORY



Term 1

Topic	Powerful Knowledge
Democracy and politics in Britain	What is Democracy/an MP/Prime Minister/elections. What is the House of Commons/Lords.
Medieval England and the Magna Carta	What is Feudalism. The Magna Carta – Problems with King John, Barons War & Magna Carta, Simon De Montford and Oxford Provisions
Peasants Revolt	What were the causes – Poll Tax – Events – Wat Tyler and revolt. Impact of peasants' revolt on democracy/power of the king.
Civil War	Problems with Charles/Cromwell New Model Army and battles/Execution of Charles Cromwell in power – Military rule/Lord Protector Restoration of Charles II with Parliament
Glorious Revolution	James II problems with his heir – Mary and William/Glorious Revolution & Bill of Rights The Act of Union and Act of Settlement – Creation of the UK.
Industrial Revolution	What has changed since the Middle Ages? What is the impact of the industrial Revolution on society - voting and emergence of the working class, Chartism as an idea/failure.



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Protests and Suffrage	Women's life 1880s – Married Women's Property Act. Suffragettes vs Suffragists - differences between them. Extreme methods: Hunger Strikes/Force Feeding/Cat and Mouse Act/Emily Davison Why women got the vote – impact of war - understanding it was not just war that got women the vote.
Slavery	Definition of Slavery – modern day slavery.
Africa (Mali)	Africa before slavery – Mali Empire Civilisations before exploration.
Slave Trade	Causes – European empires expanding. Transatlantic slave trade (middle passage) Events – Auctions/Plantations/Resistance Abolition in Britain– William Wilberforce Black abolitionists - Ottobah Cugoano/Olaudah Equiano
American Civil War	State Laws – understanding the legal system in America. Lincoln & views – seceding of southern States Civil War – how did the North win – impact on discrimination. Consequences – Abolition of Slavery



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Term 3

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Jim Crow	Jim Crow Laws/Separate but Equal Ku Klux Klan – white supremacy and impact on civil rights.
Civil Rights	NAACP – Martin Luther King Jr - Education – Brown v Board/Little Rock 9, March on Washington Extreme Methods - Malcolm X and Black Panthers Civil Rights Act 1968 Legacy of civil rights today
Meanwhile, elsehwhere	Looking at the impact of different civil rights movements and positive black histories. John Boyega, Clara Amfo, Kathrine Johnson, Nelson Mandela, Gandhi