



<u>Year 8 Big Picture – History</u>

Autumn 01 Weeks 1 – 7 (6 weeks)	Autumn 02 Weeks 9– 15 (7 weeks)	Spring 01 Weeks 18 - 23 (6weeks)
Content:	Content:	Content: What was the English Civil War?
The Reformation and Henry VIII	Tudor Religious Rollercoaster	We will look at an overview of the Stuarts (the monarchs who
We study the role of Martin Luther who was a German monk	We will look at an overview of all the other Tudor monarchs	followed the Tudors) and we will look at the issues around
who criticised the Catholic Church. We will then look at the	and the religious changes that they brought. In England there	religion which continued to be a problem in England. We will
long-term impact and significance of the European	were many swings between Protestantism and Catholicism.	also look at the concept of Divine Right (when Kings and
Reformation. Martin Luther's ideas had a big impact in		Queens thought that they had been chosen by God so
England.	We will then look in more detail at the challenges and	nobody could question or criticise their rule) and we will look
	successes of the Elizabethan period - for example victory over	at something called the Parliamentary Prerogative (which is
We will then look at the role of Henry VIII and how he used	the Spanish and the defeat of the Spanish Armada and the	the rights of the Parliament to make decisions that affect the
the idea of Protestantism to establish a new church in	problems and changes with the Religious Settlement. The	country and the people who live in it).
England and made himself Head of that Church (the Church	Religious Settlement was Elizabeth's attempt to please the	The central questions we will look at are why and how did
of England). We will think about why this happened and we	Catholics and the Protestants.	parliament win the English Civil War?
will look at Henry VIII's Great Matter (when he tried and		We will look at the leadership of Oliver Cromwell and the role
succeeded in getting a divorce from his first wife), and why	We also look at how Elizabeth dealt with issues such as	of the New Model Army.
he decided to break up the monasteries (the Dissolution). We	poverty, religion, image and plots against her rule. This will	Finally, we shall answer the question of 'How did the rule of
will consider the ways things changed and those that stayed	help students who decide to take GCSE History as this is	Oliver Cromwell affect England and Ireland?'
the same.	something we study in Year 10/11.	
		This topic looks at how the power of Parliament increased
Skills: Oracy through discussion and debate (arriving at a	Skills:	and how England was ruled without a King. The last lesson
well-reasoned argument and interpretation about Henry	Compare and contrast monarchs, further work on sources	will look at the Restoration (which is when the Stuart kings –
VIII's legacy)	and interpretation and dealing with bias (when something is one-sided). Consequences of decisions and actions.	Charles II – was restored back to power).
Source analysis, introduction to working with		Skills:
interpretations, continue to look at significance, causes and		Source analysis: the main assessment will be for students to
consequence will be introduced this year.		write a narrative account.
	Cultural capital: Interpret art to make a judgement and look	
	at the ways that art and culture were used to show the	Cultural capital: Tolerance, war, democracy, rights of
Cultural capital: Learning about religious diversity and	power of Elizabeth.	citizens, and what we expect from our leaders.
tolerance. Thinking about what it means to be a good or bad		
ruler and the introduction of some political ideas.		





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Assessment Objectives	Assessment Objectives	Assessment Objectives			
Explain question 12 marks	Skills to be tested: knowledge, utility of a source, extended	Mini test focusing on knowledge and applying skills.			
Skills to be tested: knowledge, extended writing and	writing and development of explanation.	Big Test: Write a narrative account of the English Civil war			
development of explanation, and the ability to reaching a					
judgment.	How useful is source A for an Historian studying Elizabeth I's				
	reign? (8 marks)				
Explain why the Reformation happened. (12 marks)					
Mini test 1 extended writing	Mini test 1 source analysis	Big test 1: Knowledge, source analysis and			
	Mini test 2 Extended writing	extended writing.			
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Spring 02	Summer 01	Summer 02			
Weeks 25-30 (6 weeks)	Weeks 33 – 38 (6 weeks)	Weeks 39 – 45 (7 weeks)			
Content	Content	Content			
The Slave trade: why did the slave trade emerge? Why was	The British Empire, 1760-1960	Independent project			
the slave trade abolished?	• First Empire/North Atlantic – settlement and sugar	Students will choose a topic of their choice and spend 3			
Nature of Atlantic slave trade	Growth of British India	weeks planning and researching their topic. Students will			
What life was life on plantations	Impact of Napoleonic Wars, the Royal Navy and	have to come up with an enquiry question which will be			
Possible slave resistance including Haiti revolution	opposition to the slave trade	approved by the class teacher.			
The role of black abolitionists	The Scramble for Africa	This will then be presented to the rest of the class.			
• The role of British Campaigners (e.g. Clarkson and	Britain in the Middle East				
William Wilberforce)	• Decolonisation after 1945 – including migration to				
The impact of popular protest in England	Britain	Skills: independent research, articulating a judgement and			
 Economic factors explaining the end of the slave 	Concept of change and continuity	staring to look at why interpretations may differ.			
trade					
Questioning how far slavery was actually abolished					
and the reasons why it continued.		Cultural capital: Independent research and speaking and			
	Skills	listening.			
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Students will look at interpretations and how they might	Cultural capital: Empire, trade, colonialism. Benefits and	
differ if the author benefitted from slavery or not. Students	disadvantages of an empire. How art and culture is used to	
will do more source analysis.	promote a biased view.	
Cultural capital: Diversity, tolerance, campaigning for rights,		
compassion, political and social protest.		
Assessment Objectives	Assessment Objectives	Assessment Objectives
Describe and explain a range of interpretations of the	Explain the important developments in the British Empire	Independent research applying skills learnt throughout the
reasons for the end of the Slave Trade;	between c.1760 and c.1960 which led initially to the	year. Speaking and listening skills.
Make judgements about the respective merits of the	acquisition of colonies and later to colonies gaining their	
explanations and the reasons why the selected historians	independence;	
might reach different conclusions about the past.	Articulate how far the empire did or did not change.	
Study Interpretation 1 and 2 about the causes of the slave trade. What is the main difference between their views. (4marks)	UL End of Year test. Revision to be completed.	
Mini test: interpretations	Mini test 1 interpretations	Big test 2: Knowledge, source analysis and
	Mini test 2 extended writing	extended writing.