

Upper Key Stage 2 History: Unit 1

Please note the units are taught in a different order to best fit our curriculum theme overview and are flexible across age groups.



Enquiry: *Why did the ancient Maya change their way of life? SPRING TERM Y6*

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The location of the countries and cities of the modern day region of Central America The way of life of modern Maya people of Central America The natural features of the environment and climate of Central America Who the ancient Maya were and some of their achievements The features and purpose of the structures of the ruined Maya city of Chichen Itza The purpose of a range of ancient Maya artefacts from the city The social and religious importance of the ball game pok-a-tok How the ancient Maya farmed using mountain terraces The likely cause of the gradual abandonment of the ancient Maya jungle cities between AD 900-1100 How the way of life of the Maya compared with that of the Anglo Saxons living in Britain at the same time <p style="text-align: center;">National Curriculum Coverage</p> <p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history – one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad c. 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Enquiry: *Why was winning the Battle of Britain so important? Local Study. AUTUMN TERM Y6*

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Adolf Hitler came to power in Nazi Germany • Why Britain entered into war with Nazi Germany in 1939 • Which countries were allies of Britain in the war • Why Nazi Germany invaded and occupied most of Western Europe by 1940 • Why Britain faced the threat of invasion by Nazi Germany in 1940 • Why Nazi Germany needed to defeat the Royal Air Force before considering beginning an invasion • The main events of the Battle of Britain • How and why Britain defeated Nazi Germany in the Battle of Britain • The significance of this victory in terms of the final outcome of the Second World War <p style="text-align: center;">National Curriculum Coverage</p> <p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographs • Maps • Films • Books • Speeches • Military and government orders • Tabular data sets <p style="text-align: center;">Disciplinary thinking skills the pupils will use to understand what they know</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Synthesise</td> <td>Bring together a range of ideas and facts from different sources to develop an argument or explanation for something.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explain</td> <td>Demonstrate understanding and comprehension of how or why something is the way it is as a result of synthesising information.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Empathise</td> <td>The capacity to place oneself impartially in another's position to better understand their motives, decisions and actions (even if they are not shared values).</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Informed conclusion</td> <td>A knowledgeable summing up of the main points or issues about something.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reasoned judgement</td> <td>A personal view or opinion about something supported by factual evidence.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Justify</td> <td>Give reasons to show or prove what you feel to be right or reasonable.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apply</td> <td>The transfer of knowledge and/or skills learned in one context to help make sense of a different situation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evaluate</td> <td>Weigh up and judge the relative importance of something in relation to counter ideas and arguments.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Critique</td> <td>Review and examine something critically particularly to gain an awareness of its limitations and reliability as evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hypothesise</td> <td>Come up with an idea, question or theory that can be investigated to see whether it has any validity or truth.</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">SEND</p> <p>In line with our school policy, we ensure inclusion through constructing enquiries which are graduated in 'bite size' steps allowing for the setting of personalised targets, a broad range of learning and teaching strategies including questioning, working with additional adults where appropriate and a holistic approach to assessing achievement.</p>	Synthesise	Bring together a range of ideas and facts from different sources to develop an argument or explanation for something.	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Upper Key Stage 2 History Unit 3

Enquiry: *Why is the history of York also the 'History of England'? Adapt to Local study/Launceston Cornwall. AUTUMN TERM Y5*

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The location of the modern day city of York. That York has been affected by historical events for many thousands of years. Why York was an important city of the Roman Empire. What the purpose of Roman 'head pots' in York might have been. Why the Oshere Anglo Saxon helmet found in York is such an important artefact. Why Northumbria was a powerful Anglo Saxon kingdom. Why and how the Normans built the Cathedral of St Peter. Why the Battle of Marston Moor was one of the most important ever fought in Britain. What the Industrial Revolution was. Some of the changes that occurred in York as a result of the Industrial Revolution. <p style="text-align: center;">National Curriculum Coverage</p> <p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local history study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murals Sketches Engravings Paintings Statues Sculptures Maps Photographs Manuscripts Pamphlets Newspaper reports Factory inspectors reports <p style="text-align: center;">Disciplinary thinking skills the pupils will use to understand what they know</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Synthesise</td> <td>Bring together a range of ideas and facts from different sources to develop an argument or explanation for something.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explain</td> <td>Demonstrate understanding and comprehension of how or why something is the way it is as a result of synthesising information.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Empathise</td> <td>The capacity to place oneself impartially in another's position to better understand their motives, decisions and actions (even if they are not shared values).</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Informed conclusion</td> <td>A knowledgeable summing up of the main points or issues about something.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reasoned judgement</td> <td>A personal view or opinion about something supported by factual evidence.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Justify</td> <td>Give reasons to show or prove what you feel to be right or reasonable.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apply</td> <td>The transfer of knowledge and/or skills learned in one context to help make sense of a different situation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evaluate</td> <td>Weigh up and judge the relative importance of something in relation to counter ideas and arguments.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Critique</td> <td>Review and examine something critically particularly to gain an awareness of its limitations and reliability as evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hypothesise</td> <td>Come up with an idea, question or theory that can be investigated to see whether it has any validity or truth.</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">SEND</p> <p>In line with our school policy, we ensure inclusion through constructing enquiries which are graduated in 'bite size' steps allowing for the setting of personalised targets, a broad range of learning and teaching strategies including questioning, working with additional adults where appropriate and a holistic approach to assessing achievement.</p>	Synthesise	Bring together a range of ideas and facts from different sources to develop an argument or explanation for something.	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Understand why and how the Normans built the Cathedral of St Peter and evaluate the impact of its construction on the people of York, justifying their views. Explain why the Battle of Marston Moor was one of the most important ever fought in Britain. Explain what the Industrial Revolution was and some important ways it changed society in Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries. Understand some of the changes that occurred in York as a result of the Industrial Revolution. <p>Pupils working at greater depth will also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the concept of palimpsest in relation to the city of York <p>Prior Learning</p> <p>In Key Stage 1 pupils learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About historically significant people, events and places in their local area and investigated why they are considered to be of importance
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Upper Key Stage 2 History: Unit 4

Enquiry: *How did a pile of dragon bones help to solve an ancient Chinese mystery?* SUMMER TERM Y4

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Shang Dynasty was located in northern China between 1600 BC – 1046 BC • This was the same time as the Bronze Age in Britain and the Ancient Egyptian civilisation • That until 1899 there was no evidence that the Shang Dynasty had ever actually existed • What Wang Yirong discovered at a Peking market in 1899 that was so significant in telling archaeologists about the Shang Dynasty • The likely purpose of carved oracle bones during the Shang Dynasty • What artefacts tell us about the lives and beliefs of the monarchs and noblemen of the Shang Dynasty • Why there is no evidence of the lives of ordinary people of the Shang Dynasty • How and why the impacts of the reigns of King Cheng Tang and Di Xin were so different • The importance of the Shang burial chamber discovered at Yi Au in 1976 • What the artefacts and remains found in the tomb tell us about the person who was probably buried there • Why tombs of monarchs and noblemen often became the target of graverobbers during the Shang Dynasty • How life during the Shang Dynasty compared with life for most people in Bronze Age Britain <p style="text-align: center;">National Curriculum Coverage</p> <p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the achievements of the earliest civilisations – an overview of where and when the first civilisations appeared and an in-depth study of one of the following: Ancient Sumer, the Indus Valley, Ancient Egypt or the Shang Dynasty of Ancient China. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographs • Sculptures • Maps • Frescos • Drawings • Statues • Books • Artistic reconstructions • Artefacts <p style="text-align: center;">Disciplinary thinking skills the pupils will use to understand what they know</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Synthesise</td> <td>Bring together a range of ideas and facts from different sources to develop an argument or explanation for something.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explain</td> <td>Demonstrate understanding and comprehension of how or why something is the way it is as a result of synthesising information.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Empathise</td> <td>The capacity to place oneself impartially in another's position to better understand their motives, decisions and actions (even if they are not shared values).</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Informed conclusion</td> <td>A knowledgeable summing up of the main points or issues about something.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reasoned judgement</td> <td>A personal view or opinion about something supported by factual evidence.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Justify</td> <td>Give reasons to show or prove what you feel to be right or reasonable.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apply</td> <td>The transfer of knowledge and/or skills learned in one context to help make sense of a different situation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evaluate</td> <td>Weigh up and judge the relative importance of something in relation to counter ideas and arguments.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Critique</td> <td>Review and examine something critically particularly to gain an awareness of its limitations and reliability as evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hypothesise</td> <td>Come up with an idea, question or theory that can be investigated to see whether it has any validity or truth.</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">SEND</p> <p>In line with our school policy, we ensure inclusion through constructing enquiries which are graduated in 'bite size' steps allowing for the setting of personalised targets, a broad range of learning and teaching strategies including questioning, working with additional adults where appropriate and a holistic approach to assessing achievement.</p>	Synthesise	Bring together a range of ideas and facts from different sources to develop an argument or explanation for something.	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Upper Key Stage 2 History Unit 5

Enquiry: *The story of the Trojan Horse – fact, myth or legend?* SPRING TERM Y5

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Upper Key Stage 2 History: Unit 6

Enquiry: *Why did Britain once rule the largest empire the world has ever seen? Tudors. SUMMER TERM Y6*

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