

Year 8 Curriculum Overview Plan: History

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Theme:	Key Theme:	Key Theme:	Key Theme:	Key Theme:	Key Theme:
How did Britain	What was the impact	How did the	How did mining	How did British	How did WWI affect
expand its influence	of slavery on African	Industrial Revolution	change the British	politics change in the	British people? How
overseas?	people?	change Britain?	landscape?	1800s?	did the end of WWI
					shape Europe?
Key Concepts,	Key Concepts,	Key Concepts,	Key Concepts,	Key Concepts,	
Knowledge & Skills	Knowledge & Skills	Knowledge & Skills	Knowledge & Skills	Knowledge & Skills	Key Concepts,
to be Embedded:	to be Embedded:	to be Embedded:	to be Embedded:	to be Embedded:	Knowledge & Skills
Ideas about Empires	African kingdoms	How the Industrial	Linking mining to the	1820s democracy.	to be Embedded:
and exploration.	pre-slavery. Early	Revolution was	Industrial Revolution	Chartism. Changes to	How the Industrial
Early exploration in	voyages of slavery.	funded. Changes	and considering the	voting. Suffrage and	Revolution powered
England and later	Establishment of	made to towns and	darker side of	the contemplation of	a new age of
Britain. Reasons for	triangular trade. The	the growth of cities.	powering change.	the use of violence as	technology and
empire-building,	three-tiered process	Factories and use of	Dangers of mining	a method of political	changed warfare.
including, trade and	of slavery. Plantation	cheap labour. Living	liking to the local	change (links to	Tension in Europe.
financial gains. Case	life. Economic	conditions and	study. The miners'	terrorism).	The class divide in
Study - British	interest for Western	differences between	strikes and shut		war and the appeal
involvement in the	Slavers. Abolition	the rich and poor.	down.	Links to Prior	of soldiering to the
East India Company	movement. Slavery	John Snow and	Local Study –	Learning:	poorer families. The
and the British Raj.	legacy in Britain.	Cholera.	Wheldale Colliery	Prior learning about	roles of men and
Other countries in			and mining around	the systems of	women in war. The
the Empire and their	Links to Prior	Links to Prior	Castleford.	government across	British Empire in war.
experiences.	Learning:	Learning:		time and what	Case study – Key
	Trade from the China	Slavery and the	Links to Prior	democracy meant.	Battle e.g. Battle of
Links to Prior	unit in Y7 and the Silk	profits made linking	Learning:		the Somme, Gallipoli
Learning:	Road. Colonial	to the Industrial			etc.



Invasion and ideas	attitudes from the	Revolution funding.	Industrial Revolution	Key Assessment	
about colonialism	same unit.	Links to medieval and	and the factories.	Pieces:	Links to Prior
from the Romans,	Same and.	pre-1066 societies	Local knowledge of	Outcomes of the	Learning:
Vikings and Normans	Key Assessment	and trading culture.	mining in the area.	Suffrage movement –	Industrial Revolution
in Y7. Trade and	Pieces:	and trading culture.	Tilling in the area.	for better or worse?	and slavery leading
economy from the	Long-term impact of	Key Assessment	Key Assessment	Tor better or worse:	to an increase in
Roman study.	slavery on African	Pieces:	Pieces:	Tier 3 Vocabulary	wealth. Empires and
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Conflict across the	peoples.	Cholera Case Study –	Wheldale Case Study	Vault:	Monarchy.
medieval period.		How the Industrial	– How communities	Democracy,	
	Tier 3 Vocabulary	Revolution affected	changed as a result	Terrorism, Suffrage,	Key Assessment
Key Assessment	Vault:	different groups of	of mining.	Government,	Pieces:
Pieces:	Colony, Trade,	people.		Parliament, Chartism.	Case Study – Battle
After the India Case	Slavery, Plantations,		Tier 3 Vocabulary		of the Somme: Can
Study – Impact of	Transatlantic,	Tier 3 Vocabulary	Vault:	Reading Exposure:	there be winners in
British influence.	Society, Abolition	Vault:	Colliery, Mining,	Variety of sources	war?
		Industrial Revolution,	Strike, Government,	and interpretations,	
Tier 3 Vocabulary	Reading Exposure:	Society, Trade,	Profit	PowerPoint	Tier 3 Vocabulary
Vault:	Variety of sources	Poverty, Labour		information,	Vault:
Monarchy, Empire,	and interpretations,		Reading Exposure:	worksheet handouts.	Imperialism. Empire.
Trade, Colony, Legacy	PowerPoint	Reading Exposure:	Variety of sources		Warfare. Alliance.
	information,	Variety of sources	and interpretations,	Strategies to enable	
Reading Exposure:	worksheet handouts.	and interpretations,	PowerPoint	new concepts,	Reading Exposure:
Variety of sources		PowerPoint	information,	knowledge & skills	Variety of sources
and interpretations,	Strategies to enable	information,	worksheet handouts.	to embed in long-	and interpretations,
PowerPoint	new concepts,	worksheet handouts.		term memory:	PowerPoint
information,	knowledge & skills		Strategies to enable	Recall entry tasks,	information,
worksheet handouts.	to embed in long-	Strategies to enable	new concepts,	repeated styles of	worksheet handouts.
	term memory:	new concepts,	knowledge & skills	questioning to build	
Strategies to enable	Recall entry tasks,	knowledge & skills	to embed in long-	confidence, recall of	Strategies to enable
new concepts,	repeated styles of	to embed in long-	term memory:	concepts from earlier	new concepts,
knowledge & skills	questioning to build	term memory:		years and units,	knowledge & skills



to embed in long-	confidence, recall of	Recall entry tasks,	Recall entry tasks,	revision homework	to embed in long-
term memory:	concepts from earlier	repeated styles of	repeated styles of	for knowledge	term memory:
Recall entry tasks, repeated styles of questioning to build confidence, recall of concepts from earlier years and units, revision homework	years and units, revision homework for knowledge especially surrounding assessed pieces.	questioning to build confidence, recall of concepts from earlier years and units, revision homework for knowledge especially	questioning to build confidence, recall of concepts from earlier years and units, revision homework for knowledge especially	especially surrounding assessed pieces.	Recall entry tasks, repeated styles of questioning to build confidence, recall of concepts from earlier years and units, revision homework
for knowledge especially surrounding assessed pieces.		surrounding assessed pieces.	surrounding assessed pieces.		for knowledge especially surrounding assessed pieces.