


HISTORY @ WBS YEAR 8 ROADMAP

AIM: In Year 8, you will use build on the skills developed in Year 7 when comparing a vast array of sources and using them to explain events and making comparisons between interpretations. You will also develop your skills when addressing the causes and significance of events; both in the short and long term- this will build skills needed as they move forward through the key stages. There will be a focus on the English Civil War and the impact that this continues to have on the politics of Britain today. When studying the American West and British Empire, you will develop your understanding and explanations of how history can be interpreted in many different ways.

TIMETABLE PROMOTION AUTUMN TERM SPRING TERM SUMMER TERM	TOPIC 1: THE TUDOR PROJECT After looking at the role of the monarchy in shaping Tudor England, it is now time to explore the ordinary man and woman. We will create a museum/TV project which will focus on various aspects such as clothing, make-up, exploration. There will also be a case study on the history of Black Tudors.	ASSESSMENT YOU WILL HAVE A MIXTURE OF KEY ASSESSMENTS AND QUIZZES THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME IN YEAR 8 THAT WILL FOCUS ON HISTORICAL SKILLS AS WELL AS YOUR KNOWLEDGE. SUMMER: Tudor project AUTUMN: Significance of the Gunpowder Plot (8 marks) SPRING: Describe the uses of the Buffalo (4 marks) SUMMER ONE: How useful (8 marks) SUMMER TWO: How far question (16 marks with 4 SPaG)
	TOPIC 2: LIFE UNDER THE STUARTS From the death of Elizabeth I and the accession of James I and the Stuart period. Students will look at the divisions within the country both religious and political (with a focus on the Gunpowder Plot and the English Civil War). The 'reign' of Oliver Cromwell and the subsequent Restoration period.	
	TOPIC 3: THE BIRTH OF THE USA: GENOCIDE? This topic is divided into those who came before and the events after the birth of the USA in the late 1700s. It will provide students with a comparison between the Indigenous Peoples and the European Settlers; this will look at the conflicts of beliefs and way of life addressing such topics as wagon trails, railway, homesteaders and the Indian Wars. Students will also be asked whether the expansion of the USA in the 19th century amounts to Genocide.	
	TOPIC 4: THE BRITISH EMPIRE A study into the impact of the Georgians and Victorians on the wider world and the varying experiences of Empire. Students will look at shifting lifestyles within Britain with attitudes towards the Poor, workhouses and children in factories. They will then explore the experiences of those outside of Britain with a focus on India, the Slave Trade, Australia and South Africa.	
		
		HOMEWORK AND REVISION Homework in KS3 is based around research techniques and exploring history surrounding the key events studied in class. All homework is set through Brightspace and will have a deadline set across two weeks. Revision material for all key assessments will be made available in the content areas of Brightspace including knowledge organisers and sources so that students can access support at any time and complete effective revision before assessments.
		ENRICHMENT THEMES The growth of British democracy in the 17th century, attitudes and cultural differences in the USA, Britain, Europe and the Empire including topics of race and racism. The role of early industrialisation in shaping modern cities both at home and abroad. An assessment on the impact of Empire on the wider world will allow students to see their position in the world in the modern day and reflect on how Britain sees itself on the world stage.

WHERE NEXT?

Year 8 will prepare you for Year 9 where explanations of the past will be built using primary and secondary sources, varied interpretations, multi-causal explanations and inter-related histories of different countries. You will be able to make judgements about the usefulness and reliability of sources. opinions and interpretations. You will explore the causes of WWI, its subsequent development and the impact this had on both Britain and Europe. There will also be a study into the rise of the Nazi Party and thus the causes of WWII, it's course and consequences, finishing with an overview of modern Britain.