

OPA Curriculum Explained – Year 7 History

What will my child be learning in Spring Term 2024
(Thursday 4th January 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024)

Year 7 History Spring Term Curriculum Focus

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
	Norman conquest	Norman conquest	Norman conquest	Norman conquest	Norman conquest	Norman conquest
Spring	What happened at Fulford Gate?	Why did Harold Godwinson win at Stamford Bridge? Why did William win the Battle of Hastings?	How did castles evolve over time and what was the impact of this? Why did William Harry the North?	EDS (revision) lesson What were the short- and long-term impacts of the harrying of the north on northern society?	What was the Domesday book and why was it important? What changed and remained the same after the Norman conquest?	How far do you agree with Simon Schama that ‘another kind of England’ was set up after the Norman Conquest? EDS (revision) lesson

	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11
	Church and society	Church and society	Church and society	Church and society	Church and society
Spring	What was the impact of heaven, hell and purgatory on society? How important was religion in medieval society?	What happened to Thomas Becket? How can we use source-based evidence to evaluate how good or bad King John was as king?	Why was the Magna Carta important on the power of the king? What were the key features of the Black Death?	EDS lesson Assessment	What were the short- and long-term consequences of the Black Death on Medieval society and kingship?

Year 7 History Spring Term Assessment Focus with Date *(Including resources to help students prepare for the assessment)*

Week	Week commencing	Nature of assessment	Area of concentration
4	29/1/24	EDS	Retrieval
6	12/2/24	EDS	Retrieval
10	18/3/24	EDS and assessment	Retrieval and historical sources

Year 7 Spring Term Homework Focus

Week	Home learning Focus
1	Claimants to the throne
3	Battles of the Conquest
5	William's control of England.
7	Medieval peasant life
9	Medieval religion

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OPA Curriculum Explained – Year 8 History

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Year 8 Spring Term Curriculum Focus

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Spring	Migration	Migration / Medieval Africa	Medieval Africa	British Empire	British Empire	British Empire
	Why did Jewish children come to England between 1938 and 1939? Who travelled on the 'HMS Windrush'?	What was the impact of the Battle of Cable Street? What was life like in medieval Nigeria?	Who is the wealthiest person ever to live and what made Timbuktu so great? Why was Africa called the dark continent?	What was British settlement in North America like? EDS (revision) lesson	What was the impact of the British Empire on India?	What was the impact of the British Empire on Australasia?

	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11
Spring	British Empire	British Empire	British Empire	British Empire	Industrial Revolution
	Why did the Empire use slavery and the Middle-Passage?	How were slaves sold then worked on a plantation?	How did slave resistance lead to the abolishment of slavery? Why have statues been taken down across Britain?	EDS lesson Assessment	The big picture. What was Whitechapel like in the 1880's? What were the key features of the victims of Jack the Ripper, were there any similarities and differences?

Year 8 Spring Term Assessment Focus with Date

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4	29/1/24	EDS	Retrieval
6	18/3/24	EDS	Retrieval
10	18/3/24	Assessment	Retrieval and historical sources

Year 8 Spring Term Homework Focus

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OPA Curriculum Explained – Year 9 History

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Year 9 History Spring Term Curriculum Focus

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Spring	The rise of fascism	Civil Rights	Civil Rights	Civil Rights	Civil Rights	Civil Rights
	How did Jews resist the Nazis? EDS (revision) lesson	What Civil Rights movements have there been in Britain?	I can use sources to explain what the Bristol Bus Boycott was.	Civil Rights in Ireland.	What was the Windrush Scandal? EDS (revision) lesson	Who were the Suffragettes? How did the Suffragettes bring about change?

	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11
Spring	Civil Rights	Civil Rights	Civil Rights	Civil Rights	Civil Rights
	Why was the death of Emmett Till so important? How important were the KKK to race relations in the USA/What were the key methods used by the KKK?	Why were Brown v Topeka and Little Rock Nine so important?	What was the Montgomery Bus Boycott? What were the Greensboro sit-ins?	EDS (revision) lesson Assessment	Why was Martin Luther King important? How was Malcolm X different to Martin Luther King?

Year 9 History Spring Term Assessment Focus with Date *(Including resources to help students prepare for the assessment)*

Week	Week commencing	Nature of assessment	Area of concentration
2	8/1/24	EDS	Retrieval
4	12/2/24	EDS	Retrieval
10	18/3/24	EDS	Retrieval
10	18/3/24	EDS	Knowledge and historical skills

Year 9 Spring Term Homework Focus

Week	Home learning Focus
1	Anti-Semitism
3	Genocide (Holocaust)
5	Progress in education (Brown v Topeka, Little Rock)
7	Montgomery Bus Boycott and its impact
9	The KKK and Emmet Til
11	The impact of Greensboro – the lunch counter sit-ins

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Year 10 History Spring Term Curriculum Focus

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
	Henry VIII and his Ministers	Henry VIII and his Ministers	Henry VIII and his Ministers	Henry VIII and his Ministers	Henry VIII and his Ministers	Henry VIII and his Ministers
Spring	<p>Reform of government and royal finance.</p> <p>The management and use of parliament</p> <p>The significance of Henry's marriage to Anne of Cleves.</p>	<p>Reasons for Cromwell's fall from power in 1540.</p> <p>Assessment: Explain why and knowledge test.</p>	<p>Reasons for Henry's campaign against the Pope and the Catholic Church, 1529–33.</p> <p>The significance of the Act of Succession and the Act of Supremacy 1534.</p>	<p>The role of religious houses in local communities</p> <p>Reasons for the dissolutions of the Monasteries</p>	<p>The impact of the dissolutions</p> <p>Reasons for the uprising.</p> <p>Assessment: Judgement essay and knowledge test</p>	<p>Key events of the uprising, including rebellions in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire and the roles of Robert Aske and the Duke of Norfolk.</p> <p>Reasons for the failure of the Pilgrimage of Grace and the significance of the uprising.</p> <p>End of unit test</p>

	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11
	The Cold War	The Cold War	The Cold War	The Cold War	The Cold War
Spring	<p>The ideological differences between the superpowers and the attitudes of Stalin, Truman and Churchill.</p> <p>The Grand Alliance. The outcomes of the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam conferences</p>	<p>The impact on US-Soviet relations of the development of the atomic bomb, the Long and Novikov telegrams and the creation of Soviet satellite states in Eastern Europe.</p>	<p>The impact on US-Soviet relations of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan, 1947.</p> <p>The significance of Cominform (1947), Comecon (1949) and the formation of NATO (1949).</p> <p>EDS (revision) lesson</p>	<p>Berlin: its division into zones. The Berlin Crisis (blockade and airlift) and its impact. The formation of the Federal Republic of Germany and German Democratic Republic.</p> <p>The significance of the arms race and the formation of the Warsaw Pact.</p>	<p>Events in 1956 leading to the Hungarian Uprising, and Khrushchev's response.</p> <p>The international reaction to the Soviet invasion of Hungary</p> <p>Assessment: two consequences and knowledge test</p>

Year 10 History Spring Term Assessment Focus with Date
(Including resources to help students prepare for the assessment)

Week	Week commencing	Nature of assessment	Area of concentration
4	15/1/24	Assessment	Skills and content requirements for exam
6	5/2/24	EDS	Retrieval
10	18/3/24	EDS and assessment	Retrieval and historical sources

Year 10 Spring Term Homework Focus

Week	Home learning Focus
1	Cromwell and the King's marriages
2	Cromwell and government 1534-40 / Assessment: Explain why and knowledge test.
3	Fall of Cromwell/Break with Rome
4	Opposition to, and impact of, the Reformation
5	The dissolution of the monasteries / Assessment: Judgement essay and knowledge test
6	The Pilgrimage of Grace / End of unit test
8	Early tension between East and West
9	The Development of the Cold War
10	The Cold War intensifies
11	Increased tensions between East and West
12	Cold War crisis / Assessment: Two consequences and knowledge test

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