



Chronology – when did events happen? Be able to place events across time

Explain the **causes and consequences** of events (including long term / short term, social, political, economic and religious causes)

Identify **change and continuity** – what changes took place in the past and what stayed the same?

Identify **similarities and differences** across periods in history

Understand that people have different **interpretations** of events and that these interpretations may change over time and that historians disagree about the **significance** of events

Use the evidence and **historians' views** to investigate the past – consider the usefulness of the evidence

In Year 7 our theme is conquest and control	In Y8 our theme is power and empire
Autumn • Pre-1066 – who were the British? Migration stories • What was life like in 1065? A time traveller's guide to Medieval England • Who won the Battle of Hastings? What do the historians think? • 'The Normans brought a truckload of trouble.' Do you agree? • How much changed? castles, towns, the Feudal System, Domesday Book, cathedrals Spring • Why were there so many churches in Medieval England? • How accepted were the Jews in Medieval England? • Why was the Silk Road important and why was Baghdad the centre of the Arab world? Summer • King John and the Magna Carta - the development of democracy • Was the Black Death a blessing in disguise? • What were the long and short term causes of the Peasant's Revolt • How did they find a king in a car park? The War of the Roses	Autumn • Overview of 1500 – 1750: what was life like in Tudor England? • The Tudor Reformation: why did Henry VIII break with Rome? • Black Tudors – what does the evidence reveal? • What does the story of Lady Jane Grey reveal about the importance of religion to Tudor people? • Has history treated Mary Tudor fairly? • What problems did Elizabeth I face: religion, marriage, Mary Queen of Scots and the Spanish Armada • How significant was the Reformation? Spring • Why did a Civil War break out in 1642? • Cromwell: hero or villain? • What were people in the 17th Century scared of? The witchcraft crises of Pendle and Salem • Why were there revolutions in America and France? Summer • What was the British Empire? • What was the Transatlantic Slave Trade? • Why was the slave trade abolished in 1807? • The effects of Empire in Australia, America, India and Africa • What do historians think about the Empire?