

Barnsley Academy – Year 8 History Curriculum Overview

Note: This is based on an average division of weeks per term. There may be yearly variations.

Autumn Term			Spring Term			Summer Term		
Half-Term 1								
	Class Focus	Homework		Class Focus	Homework		Class Focus	Homework
Week 1	Unit 1: The Tudors		Week 1	9. How far did England change under the rule of Cromwell?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 1	Unit 4: The British Empire	
	1. Welcome to Y8 History & Baseline Assessment	Weekly knowledge test		1. Why did the Spanish empire dominate the world by the 16 th century?				
	2. Why were people criticising Christianity?			2. How was Britain able to create an empire?				
Week 2	3. What led to the reformation in Europe?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 2	11. How did Cromwell respond to resistance to his rule?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 2	3. What was the impact of the British Empire in India?	
	4. What were the main differences between Catholics and Protestants?			12. Why was the monarchy restored in England?			4. What was the impact of the British Empire in Africa?	
Week 3	5. Why did Henry VIII want to Break with Rome?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 3	13. How did England change after the restoration?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 3	5. What was the impact of the British empire in Britain?	
	6. Why did Henry VIII want to Break with Rome?			14. How far was the world turned upside down?			6. What led to the decline of the British Empire?	
Week 4	7. To what extent did the break with Rome change religion in England?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 4	Assessment revision	Weekly knowledge test	Week 4	Review lesson- no assessment.	
	8. How far did Henry VIII face opposition to his religious changes?			End of Unit Assessment			Contingency	
Week 5	9. How far did the Church change under Edward VI?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 5	Unit 3: Transatlantic Slave Trade		Week 5	Unit 5: The Industrial Revolution	
	10. How far did the Church change under Mary I?			1. How advanced was West Africa in the 16 th century?	Weekly knowledge test		1. How did Britain change between 1750-1900?	
Week 6	11. How far did the Church change under Elizabeth I?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 6	2. How did the Transatlantic Slave Trade begin?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 6	2. Why was there an industrial revolution?	
	12. How far did Elizabeth I face challenges to the Religious Settlement?			3. How did the Transatlantic Slave Trade differ to past slavery?	Weekly knowledge test		3. What was life like in a Victorian town?	
Week 7	13. How far was Mary Queen of Scots a significant challenge to Elizabeth?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 7	4. What was the experience of enslaved people onboard slave ships?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 7	4. What were the main inventions of the Industrial Revolution?	
	14. Why did the Spanish Armada fail?	Weekly knowledge test		5. What happened when enslaved people arrived in the New World?			5. What was it like to work in a coal mine?	
Week 8	15. What was life like in Tudor England?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 8	6. What was life like on the plantations for enslaved people?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 8	5. How was society changed during the Industrial revolution? Add in class systems, changes in the lives of women and children.	
	16. How diverse was Tudor England?			7. How did enslaved people resist and rebel against slavery?			Weekly knowledge test	
Week 9	17. Why did Elizabethans explore?	Weekly knowledge test	Week 9	8. What led to the abolition of slavery? Re-plan- add in Mary Prince and Quakers	Weekly knowledge test	Week 9	7. How did the industrial revolution lead to political protest?	
	Assessment revision			8. How far does slavery exist in the world today?			Contingency	
Week 10	End of Unit Assessment		Week 10	End of Unit Assessment	Weekly knowledge test	Week 10	Contingency	

	Contingency lesson			Contingency			Contingency				
Week 11	Unit 2: England: A world turned upside down 1603-1707					Week 11	Time for EOY revision, assessment Closing the Gap activities. This may change position within the overview dependent upon assessment dates.				
	1. How stable was England under the rule of James I?										
	2. What were the long-term causes of the English Civil War?										
Week 12	3. What triggered the Civil War?										
Week 12	4. How was the early Civil War fought?						Week 12				
	Week 13					5. Why were the New model Army so successful?-		Week 13			
6. What happened to Charles I after his defeat in the Civil War?											
Week 14	7. Should Charles I have been executed?						Week 14				
	8. Why was witchcraft such a concern in Stuart England?										
Week 15	Contingency										
	Contingency										
Assessment	- Baseline assessment - Tudor assessment. <u>Section A-</u> Knowledge recall <u>Section B-</u> Skills <u>Section C-</u> Extended writing. “Henry VIII’s desire for a male heir was the main reason for the break with Rome.” How far do you agree? (16 Marks + 4 SPaG) OR “Religion in England changed the most during the reign of Mary I.” How far do you agree? (16 Marks + 4 SPaG)	Assessment	Stuart assessment. <u>Section A-</u> Knowledge recall <u>Section B-</u> Skills <u>Section C-</u> Extended writing. “Religion was the main caused of the outbreak of the English Civil War” How far do you agree? (16 marks + 4 SPaG) OR ‘The period 1603-1707 was a world turned upside down’. How far do you agree? (16 marks + 4 SPaG)	Assessment	United Learning End of Year Exam (unseen)						