

Year 8 History

The Stuarts and the Gunpowder Plot

- The accession of James I, his character and beliefs.
- The different interpretations of the Gunpowder Plot.

The English Civil War

- The causes of the English Civil War.
- The divisions of the country.
- The battles of Edgehill and Naseby.
- Why Parliament won.
- The results of the War.

The Industrial Revolution and Edwardian England

- The causes of the Industrial Revolution, the coming of factories, steam power, population changes etc.
- The social changes caused by the Industrial Revolution, the industrial cities, public health problems and demands for reform.
- The Titanic disaster and other features of Edwardian England.

The First World War

- The causes of the First World War.
- Trench warfare on the Western Front.
- The involvement of different parts of the world.
- The home front.
- The peace process and results of the War.

The Causes of WW2

- The rise of the Nazis in Germany.
- Life in Hitler's Germany.
- Hitler's foreign policy and how it led to war.

The Second World War

- The main events of the Second World War in Europe and the Far East including the German Blitzkrieg, the invasion of Russia, the Holocaust, Pearl Harbour, D day and the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- The results of the War.

Advice to students for independent study

Students are expected to do least half an hour each week which will support them in consolidating learning from lessons. It may be learning key terms, practising an exam style answer or reviewing work that should be improved. Watch TV documentaries to extend your historical knowledge.