

Year 9 History

Crime and Punishment Through Time

- Crime and its punishment from Roman times to the 17th Century – Romans, Saxons, Normans, Middle Ages, Tudors, Bloody Code, Transportation.
- Crime and its punishment from the 17th Century to the present day – Prisons and their reform, Jack the Ripper, Terrorism in modern times.
- Change and continuity over each period and the development of the English legal system.
- Life in each historical time period.

Cleopatra and Rome

- Cleopatra's coming to power in Egypt and her relationship with Julius Caesar.
- Caesar's assassination.
- The Roman Civil War.
- Cleopatra's relationship with Mark Antony.
- Mark Antony's conflicts with Octavian and Sextus Pompey.
- His failure in the Parthian War.
- The Donations of Alexandria, the Battle of Actium and the deaths of Mark Antony and Cleopatra.
- Study and discussion of the primary sources' reliability and value, particularly the archaeological evidence for Cleopatra, Plutarch and the poets Vergil, Horace and Propertius.

The American West

- The geography of North America.
- The life of the Plains Indians.
- White Americans' exploration of the West and the Mountain Men.
- The pioneer emigrants to California and Oregon.
- The Mormons, Miners and Cattlemen.
- The arrival of the Homesteaders on the plains, the Exoduster movement and the conflicts between farmers and cattlemen.
- The problems of law and order in the West.
- The struggle for the plains and end of the Plains Indians' way of life.

Advice to students for independent study

Students are expected to do least 45 minutes 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. They should watch TV historical documentaries to extend their historical knowledge.