



HISTORY - YEAR 8

What was the most important factor in causing the Reformation?

Theme: Religion

In this unit you will explore the main causes of the Reformation and why it was able to spread so easily across Europe. You will also look at the changes made to the Christian church and what happened to naughty priests when they disobeyed the church rules.

Did the English Civil War change anything?

Theme: Conflict and conquest

Starting with the Gunpowder Plot you will explore the Stuart period. This includes the causes of the civil war, events and impact on soldiers and civilians. This will also include the changes made to England after the execution of King Charles I, exploring leaders such as Cromwell and Charles II. Ultimately the question will be 'Did the English civil war change anything?'

Was the French Revolution enlightened?

Theme: Stability and instability

This time period will look at France and the event of the French Revolution. You will explore the causes of the Revolution, the execution of King Louis XVI, the Reign of Terror and Napoleon and the changes he made to France. The concluding question will be 'Was the French Revolution enlightened?'

What was the biggest change in 19th century British politics?

Theme: Power and politics

This unit will explore the theme of power and politics and changes made to Britain. We will start by looking at the Glorious Revolution and Act of Settlement (Bill of Rights). We will then move onto the massacre at Peterloo in 1819, the creation of the Great Reform Act of 1832 and the development of the Chartist movement 1838-1857.

How strong was the British empire?

Theme: Expansion, empire and trade

This unit will explore the areas of the Industrial Revolution in Britain such as changes to farming, transport and industry. We will then look at why countries wanted to have an empire, empires of Europe and the wars of the empire. Delving into the British Empire we will focus on India, the Jewel of the Crown and the taking of Australia.

What was the slave trade and how did it affect our world?

Theme: Wider world

The slave trade unit will start with what African kingdoms were like before the slave trade. We will then explore the slave trade triangle, examples of different plantations from North and South America and examples of slave rebellions e.g. the Amistad Rebellion and Bussa's Rebellion in Barbados. We will also have a narrow focus into some former slaves such as Olaudah Equiano and Harriet Tubman. This unit will conclude with the focus on Britain and how the abolition of the slave trade came about.

