

Year 8 History Learning Outcomes

Unit 1: The English Civil War

- The accession of James I and the events of the Gunpowder Plot.
- The different interpretations of the Gunpowder Plot and the evidence for the conspiracy theory.
- The political beliefs of James I and Charles I.
- The causes of the English Civil War.
- The main events of the war, particularly how people took sides, Edgehill, and Naseby.
- The trial and execution of Charles I.
- Cromwell's rule of the English republic.
- Cromwell's attack on Drogheda and whether he obeyed the rules of war.
- Bridgnorth's experiences in the Civil War.
- The reign of Charles II, the London Plague and Fire.
- The Glorious Revolution and how Britain experienced a revolution in this period.
- Why the Roman Empire collapsed.

Unit 2: The Industrial Revolution

- The causes of the Industrial Revolution in the textile industry.
- Coalbrookdale and the revolution in the iron industry.
- Steam power and James Watt.
- The social changes caused by the Industrial Revolution, the industrial cities, public health problems and demands for reform.
- The British Empire and the slave trade.
- The Titanic disaster.

Unit 3: The First World War

- The causes of the First World War including the alliance system, the assassination at Sarajevo, and events that led to war.
- Recruiting and the Home front.
- The war of movement, stalemate on the Western Front and causes of trench warfare.
- Trench warfare.
- The Battle of the Somme.
- The use of technology and attempts to break the stalemate.
- The involvement of different parts of the world – the British Empire, Russia, and America.
- How the war ended, the failure of the 1918 German Spring Offensive, the British use of tanks, the armistice.
- The Treaty of Versailles and its consequences for Germany.

Unit 4: Hitler and the Outbreak of World War Two

- Hitler's early life, war experience and entry into politics.
- The creation of the Nazi party, its ideas and beliefs, the storm troopers, iconography, and tactics.
- The failure of the Munich putsch, Hitler's imprisonment, and Mein Kampf.
- The Nazis' election campaign and effects of the Wall Street Crash.
- Hitler's consolidation of power.
- Life in Hitler's Germany.
- Hitler's foreign policy and how it led to war.
- The outbreak of war – blitzkrieg, the German conquest of Europe.
- The evacuation from Dunkirk.
- The Battle of Britain.
- The Home Front.
- The German invasion of Russia in 1941
- The Holocaust.