



Curriculum Detail: History

(History is taught as part of humanities in Year 7; please view the curriculum detail for humanities for more information.)

In year 8, students study the Islamic Empire, examining various themes with a particular focus on levels of civilisation and tolerance. The crusades of Richard I and Saladin are contrasted, with students using historical evidence to understand the different historiographies surrounding these topics and, ultimately, to decide how 'civilised' the empire was.

Students also examine the birth of 'modern Britain' under the Tudors. They learn about the key Tudor monarchs and how exploring the world led to the beginnings of the British Empire. They end this topic by assessing how 'civilised' the Tudors really were.

In the British Empire and Slavery unit, students focus on the development and impacts of the empire both in Britain and in countries such as India, Africa, America and the Caribbean; the slave trade in Africa is a point of particular reference.

The Year 9 unit Jack the Ripper focuses on Victorian London, conditions in Whitechapel, Victorian policing and - with an emphasis upon the use of evidence - the victims and suspects in the famous case.

The First World War unit encourages students to examine different perspectives on the war and compare experiences and responses in the trenches, on the home front and around the world. Students also look at women in World War One, their fight for the right to vote across various suffrage movements and the changing role of women in society.

Students look at the rise of Hitler and the Nazis in twentieth century Germany. They examine the conditions that contributed to the dictator's ascent and what life was like in Nazi Germany for women, children and minorities. Working in partnership with the UCL Centre for Holocaust Education, students will investigate the Holocaust and how it came about as well as evaluating the impact it had on survivors.

Students also get an opportunity to learn about a range of events in the 21st century, such as 9/11, the Israel/Palestine conflict and the 7/7 London bombings.

In year 10, students take Medicine Through Time. This breadth study unit encompasses medicine from the days of Hippocrates to modern times; students look at medicine during the Roman, Medieval and Renaissance periods, the Industrial Revolution and the twentieth century.

In the American West depth study, students explore the lives of the Plains Indians in the nineteenth century, early and later settlers, conflict and the end of the traditional Native American way of life.

In Mao's China 1945-76, students examine communist China and how the Cultural Revolution impacted both the people and economy of the country. China's development into a modern superpower is explored.

Year 11 students study the reigns of King John and King Richard in the years between 1189 and 1216 including the crusades and the signing of the Magna Carta.