



Year 8 Annual Exam for History

The History exam will be divided into 4 sections:

Section 1: Key Words

You will be given 10 definitions and you will have to identify the correct key word. There will be a choice of key words at the bottom of the page.

Section 2: Knowledge-based questions

You will answer knowledge-based questions which will require short answers. For example, you may be asked to name the causes of a war or the date of a historical event.

Section 3: Extended writing

You will answer one essay question in which you will write 3 PEE paragraphs and a conclusion. In your conclusion you must have a clear judgement. You could show complex thinking by considering how important changes are in the short-term and long-term OR different types of changes (e.g. economic, political, religious). There are 4 marks available on this question for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Section 4: Skills-based questions

You will answer questions which relate to History skills and themes. This includes analysing sources and historians' interpretations to consider how they are useful to learn about historical events, considering both content and provenance.

The following is a list of suggested revision activities:

Year 8 End of Year Assessment Revision Activities

Revision Activity	Key questions to consider	Revised? ☒
1. Create flash cards using the knowledge organiser 1 on the reign of King John and the later Peasants' Revolt.	What are the key events of King John's reign? What are the causes and short-term and long-term consequences of the introduction of the Magna Carta? Why have historians writing in different time periods had different views on King John's reign? What are the causes and consequences of the Peasants' Revolt?	
2. Create a mind-map using knowledge organiser 2 on the English Civil War.	What is the concept of the divine right of kings? What were the religious, economic and political causes of the English Civil War? What are the short-term and long-term consequences of the English Civil War? What were the causes of the Glorious Revolution and what are the consequences of the introduction of the Bill of Rights?	
3. Write answers to the key questions in the next column using knowledge organiser 3 on the abolition of the Transatlantic slave trade.	What was the Middle Passage? What were living and working conditions like on the plantations? What examples are there of slave resistance? What was the Underground Railroad? What role did the working classes have in the abolition movement? What was the impact of Olaudah Equiano for the abolition movement?	