

# History Learning Journey



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## Topic 4: Early Elizabethan England

After completing Topic 3 in the first HT of Year 11, Topic 4 looks at the life of Elizabeth I – England’s Virgin Queen. We explore her relationships, religion, regency, and the plots designed to end her reign.

## Revision

Structured revision time will be provided in lessons following completion of Topic 4. We will develop our exam skills and recap key knowledge from our four units of study.



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**Half-Term 6: America**  
We end Year 9 exploring key events of the American Century. How did the USA come to dominate the world?

**Half-Term 5: Cold War**  
A period of brinkmanship, the Cold War forged many of the international relationships that still exist today.

## Topic 1: Medicine in Britain

Our first GCSE topic begins with the magic of medieval medicine and ends with the miraculous advancements of the modern age, with stops in the Renaissance, the 1800s, the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the trenches of WWI.

## Topic 2: Weimar & Nazi Germany

Our second GCSE topic looks at the rise of a murderous dictator. His movement, National Socialism, would shape Germany and influence international relations for years to come.



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## Half-Term 1: Industry

In HT1, we explore Industrial Britain, charting the rise of industry in Manchester and around the globe. We also look at the movements born during the period, including the suffragist and suffragette movements.

## Half-Term 2: WWI

From the first Industrial city, the first Industrial war, we explore the key events of WWI and examine the poetry, music, and literature born of the war.

## Half-Term 3: Holocaust

The greatest crime ever committed; the Holocaust remains the greatest tragedy ever experienced. We explore the testimonies of survivors and remember those lost to the Nazi war machine.

## Half-Term 4: Genocides

From the Holocaust to Rwanda, to Darfur, Cambodia, Bosnia, and dozens of other locations, genocide continues to permeate the world. In HT4, we explore past genocides and ask how we can help prevent genocides.

## Half-Term 6: Civil Rights

From the ashes rises a phoenix. In this HT, we look at how some of our most important and influential leaders came to change-make following the abolition of slavery.



## Half-Term 5: Slave Trade

In HT5, we look at how the slave trade began and what it was like for those who fell victim to it in this important period of social history.

## Half-Term 4: Revolutions

We start HT4 by asking whether Cromwell’s “revolution” was a success, before undertaking a brief tour of global revolutions Glorious, American, French and Industrial.

## Half-Term 3: The Stuarts

In HT3, we dive into the Stuarts, exploring how James dealt with gunpowder and witchcraft, why Charles lost his head, and how Cromwell ruled England.

## Half-Term 2: Elizabeth

Queen Elizabeth I is one of the most renowned royals of all time. In HT2, we look at how she grew from a disinherited Princess to a powerful warrior Queen.



**Half-Term 1: Early Tudors**  
Moving into Year 8, we look at the early years of one of the most powerful royal dynasties ever to rule – exploring the reigns of Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Jane and Mary.

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## Half-Term 4: Medieval Events

In HT4, we flit from the Normans to the bloody murder of Becket, from Becket to the controversial rule of John Lackland, and from John to the Black Death, exploring some of the key events that shaped our country.

## Half-Term 5: Medieval World

In HT5, we leave Britain to explore other medieval worlds, exploring case studies on Medieval African Kingdoms and Medieval Islamic Civilisations. We learn that the world really is interconnected.

## Half-Term 6: Local History

In HT6, we explore the local area, diving into historic Ramsbottom and exploring the key events through time that have made our community our community.



## Half-Term 3: Norman England

In HT3, we learn how the citizens of England adapted to Norman rule, how Knights and Peasants lived, how William fought crime and which jobs were the worst to have.



## Half-Term 2: 1066

In HT2 we learn about how William the Conqueror became the first Norman King of England, beating the Viking and Anglo-Saxon contenders in bloody battle.

## Half-Term 1: Pre-Normans

In HT1 we learn all about the first people to settle the land we now call England, from the crafty Celts, all the way to the vicious Vikings!

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