



St Benedict's Catholic School

The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk

History Curriculum Guide

Year 9

Autumn Taught Content

Slavery

What is it and how did it begin?

How did slavery develop in Britain 1000-1800?

The growth of the triangular slave trade: What did it mean for those who became slaves? What were their lives like?

What types of conditions did slaves endure during the 18th and 19th centuries?

Industrial Revolution

What was Britain like 275 years ago?

No more homework – the move away from the domestic system to the factory system

How did factories create towns?

How significant were Boulton and Watt?

What were working conditions like for children in the cotton mills?

The end of the Cripple Factory? (Conditions in factories)

How did transport change between 1750 and 1900?

What made Sheffield Stink? (Conditions in industrial towns)

Britain and France in North America

How did Britain gain an empire?

Invasion of India

The jewel in the crown

How did poor people protest in the nineteenth century?

How great was the Great Reform Act?

Were the Chartists revolutionaries?

Spring Taught Content

The First World War

The Franco Prussian War, 1870-71

The Schlieffen Plan

Empires make enemies

Nationalism and nightmares

Murder in Sarajevo
Countdown to War
Propaganda posters
Why wasn't it all over by Christmas?
Trench warfare
Weapons of War
Soldiers of Empire
Was it right to shoot Harry Farr?
The Battle of the Somme: Were the 'lions' really led by 'donkeys'?
The War in the Air
The War at Sea
How did the war effect ordinary citizens?
Who were the Suffragettes?
Did Emily Davison mean to kill herself?

Summer Taught Content

Inter War Years

Paris Peace Conference
League of Nations
Successes and failures of the League
Did nationalism or internationalism triumph in the 1920s
Manchurian Crisis
The failure of disarmament
Abyssinian crisis
Actions of Adolf Hitler
Appeasement
Nazi Soviet Pact

Holocaust

What was the Holocaust and who were its victims?
How and why were the Jews of Germany persecuted before 1939?
How did Britain respond?
How and why did the Nazis persecute different groups of people?
How did this increase during the war?
When and how was the Holocaust perpetrated?
How did some Jews and non-Jews resist the Holocaust?
What happened after the holocaust?
How should we remember the Holocaust?

WWII and the Home Front

Living Through the War: Part One: Evacuation
Dunkirk: Triumph or Disaster?
The Battle of Britain: a turning point?
The Blitz

Dad's Army

Rationing

Hitler invades the USSR: the turning point?

The Battle of the Atlantic: 'The only thing that ever frightened me'

Why did the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor?

Assessment

There are 2 assessments per half-term, the first is a marked piece of work, it could be a poster, presentation or a written answer. The second is a more formal end of unit exam.

Homework Expectations

Homework is set every 2 weeks.

Reading List

Industrial Revolution

Kezzie Theresa Breslin - Mining and transportation...

Bunzl, Peter, 'Cogheart'

†Coram Boy Jamilla Gavin - Orphans, the Coram Hospital, Slaves...

Hodgson Barnett, Frances, 'The Secret Garden'

Johnson, Catherine 'Sawbones' 18th Century Medicine AR Level 5.2

Lloyd Jones, Rob 'Wildboy AR Level 4.6

Toksvig Sandi 'A Slice of the Moon' AR Level 5.1 (Potato Famine)

Woodfine, Katherine 'The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow' AR Level 6.6

First World War

Bradman, Tony, 'Anzac Boys' AR Level 4.9

Breslin Theresa 'War Girls'

Brett, Cathy 'Everything is fine' AR Level 5.4

Remembrance Theresa Breslin -The story of two families in WW1

Dowswell, Paul 'Eleven Eleven' AR Level 6.0

Gray, Keith 'The Last Soldier'

McPhall Catherine 'Stars Shall be Bright' AR Level 4.2

McPhall, Cathine 'White Feather' AR Level 4.0

McKay Hilary 'The Skylarks' War' AR Level 5.1

Morpurgo, Michael 'Private Peaceful' AR Level 5.2

Morpurgo, Michael 'War Horse'

Newberry, Linda 'Tilly's Promise' AR Level 4.1

Saunders, Katie 'Five Children on the Western Front' AR Level 5.4

Inter War Years

Ishiguro, Kazuo, 'Remains of the Day'

Syson Lydia 'A World Between Us' AR Level 4.2

Watts, Helen 'The Ghost of the Trenches' AR Level 7.4
Wilkinson, Sheena 'Star by Star' AR Level 4.7 (WW1/Great Flu Epidemic)

Second World War

Boyne, John 'The Boy at the Top of the Mountain' AR Level 6.2
Ballard, J.G, 'Empire of the Sun'
Bricknall, Paul, 'The Dambusters'
PoW Martin Booth - A novel of conflict and adventure.
Carrie's War Nina Bawden - Evacuation & adventure during WW2
The Diary of Anne Frank / Diary of a Young Girl Anne Frank - The diary of a Jewish girl in hiding during WW2
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit Judith Kerr - A humorous adventure story from WW2
The Silver Sword Ian Serraillier - A journey to escape from attack during the WW2
†Last Train from Kummersdorf Lesley Wilson - Consider the events of the WW2 from the perspective of two young Germans.
Morpurgo, Michael 'Flamingo Boy' AR Level 5.8
Palmer, Tom 'D-Day Dog' AR Level 4.2
Sepetys Ruta 'Salt to the Sea'
Walliams, David 'Grandpa's Great Escape AR Level 5.2
Wein Elizabeth 'Firebird' AR Level 5.5
Westall, Robert, 'Blitzcat'
Zusak, Marcus, 'The Book Thief'

Cold War

Wolk, Lauren 'Wolf Hollow' AR Level 4.9

Films, series and documentaries

1917 (2019) 15
Amistad (1997) 15
Belle (2013) 12
The Book Thief (2013) 12A
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (2008) 12A
Dad's Army
Dunkirk (2017) 12
Goodnight Mr Tom
Hitler: The Rise of Evil (2003) 12
My Boy Jack (2007) 15
Pearl Harbor (2001) 12
The Pianist (2002) 15
Private Peaceful (2012) 12
Schindler's List (1993) 15
War Horse (2011) 12

Places to Visit:

Imperial War Museum, London
Imperial War Museum, Duxford
Cabinet War Rooms
Beamish
Museum of East Anglian Life
Science Museum

Bourneville
Saltaire
Quarry Bank Mill
London Transport Museum

Extra and Super Curricular Opportunities

Pupils are welcome to attend History club during lunchtimes. We also run an annual Battlefields trip to France/Belgium. In the past we have also run a trip to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford and participated in the Great Debate.