



St Benedict's Catholic School

The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk

History Curriculum Guide

Year 8

Autumn Taught Content

The Tudors

How do we get from the Peasant's Revolt to the Tudor Dynasty?

Henry VII: What makes a successful king?

Henry VII: How much of a threat were the pretenders to Henry's authority?

Henry VIII: What was Henry VIII's like as a person?

Henry VIII: Why did Henry have so many wives?

Henry VIII: Why did Henry VIII break from Rome?

Edward VI: How was the English church changed under Edward VI?

Edward and Lady Jane Grey

Lady Jane Grey vs Mary Tudor: Who will win?

Mary Tudor: Bloody Mary or just misunderstood?

Elizabeth: problems – What problems did Elizabeth face at the start of her reign?

Elizabeth: Why were portraits and image so important?

Elizabeth: Why did Philip II of launch the Spanish Armada?

Elizabeth: Why did the Spanish Armada fail?

Tudor society: who's who?

Were the poor really poor?

Elizabethan Poor Law: How were the poor dealt with?

How was crime punished in Tudor England?

What did people do for fun in Tudor England?

What were Tudor schools like?

Did Tudor women suffer for fashion?

How was illness dealt with in the Tudor times?

Tudor Christmas!

Spring Taught Content

Why do we celebrate bonfire night?

What were the long term causes of the English Civil War?

What were the short-term causes of the English Civil War?

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Who were the two sides?
What was life like during the Civil War?
What was then New Model Army
Where did the fighting take place? Who won decisive battles?
How did the armies fight?
The trial of Charles I: why was the king sentenced to death?
Execution of Charles I
Who was to rule England now it had no King?
Cromwell: Hero or villain?
Why did people believe in witches?
Were witch trials fair?
Pendle witches case study
Who was the Witchfinder General?
Superstition and witchcraft

Summer Taught Content

What do you already know about the French Revolution?
What was life like before the Revolution? The 3 Estates
What were the long-term causes of the French Revolution?
What were the short-term causes of the French Revolution?
Did the Revolution make France a fairer country? The Declaration of the Rights of Man (Thomas Paine)
What was Louis' reaction to the Revolution?
What should be done with the King?
The execution of King Louis
What was 'The Terror'?
Was the terror necessary?
Who were the sans-culottes?
Why was there a counter-revolution?
Robespierre: Hero or Villain?
Why did Napoleon become the most powerful man in France?
To what extent did France change under Napoleon?
In what ways is the execution of a French king linked to Britain?
Little Boney will get you!
How did Nelson's touch win the Battle of Trafalgar?
What was it like on board HMS Victory?
Napoleon's last stand
Why did Wellington win?

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

Books, novels and plays

Tudors

Dibben, Damien, *'The Storm Begins'* AR Level: 6:1

Cooper, Susan, *'King of Shadows'* (A time travel adventure into the world of Shakespeare

Francis, Pauline *'Raven Queen'* AR Level 4.5

Horowitz, Anthony *'The Devil and His Boy'* AR Level 5.6

Perry, Anne *'Tudor Rose'* AR Level: 4.6

Prentice, Andrew, *'Black Arts'* AR Level 4.6

Sands, Kevin *'The Blackthorn Key'* (The Great Plague) AR Level 4.6

Trease, Geoffrey, *'Cue for Treason'*

Stars of Fortune Cynthia Harnett - What happened when Elizabeth I was imprisoned by Mary I?

Civil War

Gardner Sally, *'I, Coriander'* AR Level 5.5

Hardinge, Frances, *'Fly by Night'* AR Level 7.1

Rees, Celia, *'Witch Child'* AR Level 6.0 (Sixteenth century witch hunts – a horror mystery)

Stevenson, R.L. *'Treasure Island'*

Films, series and documentaries

A Man for All Seasons (1989) PG

Cromwell (1970) PG

Lady Jane (1985) PG

To Kill A King (2003) 12

Young Bess (1953) PG

Places to visit

Anne of Cleves House, Haverhill

Banqueting House, Whitehall, London

Bury St Edmunds Guild Hall

Hampton Court Palace

Kentwell Hall
Lavenham Guildhall
Melford Hall
National Portrait Gallery
Oliver Cromwell's House, Huntingdon
Oxburgh Hall
St Edmund's Church, Bury St Edmunds (Burial place of Mary Rose – Henry VIII's sister)

Extra and Super Curricular Opportunities

Pupils are welcome to attend History club during lunchtimes. We are also planning to run a trip to a Tudor country house.