

History Curriculum Map: Year 8 2026-27

Y8	Topic Title The Slave Trade Big Question Who was responsible for the abolition of the slave trade?	Topic Title The British Empire Big Question What was the impact of the British Empire?	Topic Title The Industrial Revolution Big Question How terrible was the Industrial Revolution? Was Portsmouth a typical industrial town?	Topic Title World War One Big Question Why was World War One the 'war to end all wars'?	Topic Title The rise of the dictators Big Question Why was it so difficult for Germany to recover from the Great War?	Topic Title World War Two Big Question Why was Portsmouth so important in the fight to defeat Hitler?	Topic Title The Holocaust Big Question Why did the Holocaust happen?	Topic Title The Russian Revolution Big Question Why was there a revolution in Russia in 1917?
Links to the NC	Ideas, political power, industry and empire: Britain, 1745-1901	Ideas, political power, industry and empire: Britain, 1745-1901	Ideas, political power, industry and empire: Britain, 1745-1901	Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day	Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day	Local Study- Portsmouth during World War Two Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day	Compulsory study Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day	Study of a significant society or issue in world history
Assessment points	Do you agree that William Wilberforce was the most significant individual in the abolition of the slave trade?	Comparing interpretations of the British Empire and explaining how they disagree.	Do you agree that Portsmouth was a typical industrial town?	Describe how the government persuaded men to join the army. Comparing sources on trench life	Was life good for everyone in Germany?	Explain why D day was so successful	What were the key turning points in the treatment of the Jews 1933 – 41? What was the Holocaust – do you agree that Auschwitz should be kept as a museum?	What was the main cause of discontent in 1917?