

Curriculum Map 2025 2026 History Year 8

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Autumn 1	The Tudors: Henry VIII and the Reformation: how unusual was the English Reformation? Power, government and religion							
		What were Martin Luther's beliefs and how did they challenge the Catholic Church?	How did Zwingli and Calvin shape the Swiss Reformation?	What was 'The King's Great Matter' and why did Henry VIII want a divorce?	How did Thomas Cromwell use Parliament to help reform the Church?	What did people believe in the Church of England between 1534–1558?	How did the English Reformation compare to reform movements in Europe?	
Autumn 2	The Tudors: Elizabeth I: why has Elizabeth been represented so differently? Power, government and religion							
	Why did Elizabeth I remain unmarried and become known as the Virgin Queen?	How did Elizabeth I settle religious divisions in England?	Why was Mary, Queen of Scots a threat to Elizabeth I?	How did Elizabeth I defeat the Spanish Armada?	What challenges did Elizabeth I face in her later years?	How and why has Elizabeth I been depicted in different ways over time?	Christmas Quiz	
Spring 1	European conquest of the Americas: why was its impact so devastating? Empire, persecution and resistance							
	What were the Americas like before European contact?	Why did Europeans begin exploring and settling in the Americas?	What was the impact of European settlement on indigenous populations?	Why did the Roanoke colony fail?	How did England establish its first successful American colonies?	How did European colonisation affect Native American societies?		
Spring 2	Transatlantic Slavery: how were West African societies impacted? Empire, persecution and resistance							
	What were the kingdoms of the Sahel like before European involvement?	How and why did European traders arrive in West Africa?	How was the Transatlantic Slave Trade structured and operated?	Why and how did the slave trade expand in the 17th and 18th centuries?	What was Britain's role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade?	What impact did the slave trade have on West African society?		
Summer 1	The English Civil War: what can pamphlets tell us about 17th century politics?							
Unit	Summer 1 – The English Civil War Key Question: What can pamphlets tell	What caused the English Civil War?	Who supported the Royalists and the Parliamentarians, and why?	Why was King Charles I executed in 1649?	What was life like under Oliver Cromwell and the Protectorate?	How did the monarchy return under Charles II?		

	us about 17th-century politics?							
Summer 2	The French Revolution: How did Europe respond to the French Revolution? Power, government and religion The emergence of cabinet government: why did Walpole become Prime Minister? Power, government and religion							
Unit	How did Britain respond to the French Revolution?	How did revolutionary ideas spread from France to Ireland?	Who was Napoleon and how did he rise to power?	How did Napoleon reform law and wage war in Europe?	How did Britain fight the Napoleonic Wars?	What can political cartoons tell us about the Napoleonic era?	Why did the Hanoverian Succession change British politics?	Why is Robert Walpole considered Britain's first Prime Minister?