

Year 8 History

Curriculum



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Introduction

The Year 8 curriculum will build on the work in Year 7. Our key focus will be on understanding the global impact of World War I, the social and political changes during the Victorian and Edwardian eras, and the rise and fall of Imperial Russia.

Learning Objectives:

1. World War I

- Analyse the causes of World War I, including the four main causes.
- Examine the global impact of the war, focusing on its consequences for Germany and the role of colonial troops.
- Explore the experiences of soldiers in trench warfare and the significance of Remembrance Day.
- Understand the impact of the war on the Jewish population.

2. Victorian and Edwardian Eras

- Analyse the social, political, and economic changes that occurred during the Victorian and Edwardian eras.
- Examine the development of law, order, and poverty in Britain during these periods.
- Explore the role of the British Empire during this time.

3. Imperial Russia

- Understand the rise and fall of the Russian Empire.
- Analyse the impact of the Russian Revolution on the world.
- Explore the role of Russia in World War 1.



Activities

Research projects:

- Students can research specific aspects of World War I, the Victorian and Edwardian eras, or Imperial Russia, such as the experiences of soldiers in trench warfare, the social reforms of the Victorian era, or the causes of the Russian Revolution.

Primary source analysis:

- Students can analyse primary sources, such as historical documents, images, or artifacts, to gain firsthand insights into the past.

Debates and discussions:

- Students can debate controversial topics related to World War I, the Victorian and Edwardian eras, or Imperial Russia, such as the morality of war or the causes of the Russian Revolution.

Stimulations:

- Students can participate in simulations, such as a mock trial of war criminals or a role-play of the Russian Revolution, to gain a deeper understanding of historical events.

Presentations:

- Students can present their findings to the class, using visual aids and engaging storytelling techniques.

Assessments

Essays:

- Students can write essays on topics related to World War I, the Victorian and Edwardian eras, or Imperial Russia, demonstrating their understanding of key concepts and their ability to analyse historical evidence

Projects:

- Students can complete projects, such as historical timelines, dioramas, or multimedia presentations, that showcase their knowledge and creativity.

Classwork and homework:

- Students can complete regular classwork and homework assignments to reinforce their learning and practice their skills.



Evaluation and Review

The curriculum will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness. Feedback from students, teachers, and parents will be considered in the review process.

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Next review: August 2025