

Year 8

Students will build on any relevant learning from Year 7, following four main themes of History: Life & Society, Conflict, Power & Protest, and Empire. Timings are approximate.

	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half term 4	Half term 5 / 6	Half Term 6
Key knowledge	<p>Key theme: Power and Protest</p> <p>Big Picture Question:</p> <p>What were the causes and consequences of the English Civil War?</p> <p>Lessons cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did the king and parliament argue? • Why did Parliament win the English Civil War? • How did the English Civil War change the way England was governed? 	<p>Key theme: Life and Society</p> <p>Big Picture Questions:</p> <p>What changes did the Industrial Revolution bring?</p> <p>Lessons Cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was there an Industrial Revolution? • What were working conditions like? • What were living conditions like in 19th Century towns and cities? • How and why did Public Health improve the 19th Century? 	<p>Key theme: Empire</p> <p>Big Picture Questions:</p> <p>Why did Britain build an Empire?</p> <p>Why and how was Slavery abolished?</p> <p>Lessons Cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did Britain build an empire? • What was the human cost of the empire? • How was slavery abolished? • Was the British Empire ever a force for good? 	<p>Key theme: Power and Protest</p> <p>Big Picture Question:</p> <p>How successful were attempts to win the right to vote?</p> <p>Lessons cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who could vote in the 19th Century? • Why were major changes made to voting rights in the nineteenth century? • How did women win the right to vote? 	<p>Key theme: Conflict</p> <p>Big Picture Question:</p> <p>What was the First World War like?</p> <p>Lessons cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did two bullets kill 10 million people? • Why did some many men die during the FWW? • Why did Germany lose the First World War? • Why should we remember the First World War? 	<p>Key theme: Conflict</p> <p>Big Picture Question:</p> <p>Why did another World War break out?</p> <p>Lessons cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the Treaty of Versailles? • What were Hitler's aims for Germany? (Include German reaction to the T of V). • How did Hitler's actions make war more likely? • Why did Britain appease Hitler?
Key concepts & skills developed	Interpretations Change and Continuity Cause and Consequence	Sources – Analysis of Utility Change and Continuity	Causation Using evidence	Sources – Analysis of utility Change and Continuity	Sources – analysis of utility/ significance Cause and Consequence	Significance Cause and Consequence