

Overview of the year:

This year we look at people and how they lived, focusing on change and continuity over time and the similarities and differences between different people's lives in the past, including in different countries and in different periods. By the end of the year, students should have grasped a good sense of period about what life was like both the English and Islamic Medieval world, and how life changed for people in the 16th and 19th centuries.

Ways to consolidate and extend your learning in History:

Reading historical fiction is also a great way to understand what life was like in the past. Some good authors to look out for are: Michael Morpurgo, Mary Hooper, Sally Gardner, Mildred Taylor and the "My Story" series.

Also borrow books about History from your local library and read a newspaper.

Visit museums and historical sites in the local area. Particularly useful places to visit are; The Museum of London, The Tower of London, The British Museum, The Victoria and Albert Museum, Mountfitchet Castle, Leeds Castle

Half term	Unit title	Content	Skills	Assessment
1	Introduction to History: the World in 1000	What is History through a study of Mansa Musa Ancient Ghana, Baghdad, China, Mayans, Vikings, England in 1000	Introduce evidence and sources Similarity and difference	PEE paragraph on similarities and differences in how people lived across the world in 1000
2	How the Normans changed England	1066 and The Battle of Hastings Feudal System and Castles Influence of Medieval Church	Causation How to write a History essay	Essay. Why did William win the Battle of Hastings?
3	Life in Medieval England	Life in villages and towns Medicine and the Black Death Medieval Women Crime and Punishment	Similarities and differences Writing good PEE paragraphs Usefulness of a source	PEE paragraphs comparing similarity and differences between villages and towns
4	Life in Medieval Islamic Civilisations	Spread of Islam Medieval Baghdad – Islamic Science and Medicine West African Kingdoms, Mali and Songhay	Similarities and differences Writing good PEE paragraphs Usefulness of a source	PEE paragraph comparing how life is similar and different in Medieval Baghdad, Timbuktu and London
5	Life in Elizabethan Times	Social class, life for rich, poor and rise of gentry Life for Women and Black Tudors Elizabethan London and Shakespeare's Globe	Change and Continuity Interpretations Significance	How convincing is the interpretation about life in Elizabethan England?
6	Life during the Industrial Revolution	Villages to towns – growth of factories Poor working and living conditions Women's lives Overview – how far has life changed 1000-1900?	Change and continuity Understanding message of historical cartoons	How do you know source questions