Key Learning in History: Years 5 and 6



Chronology

Show their chronologically secure knowledge by:

- Sequencing events and periods through the use of appropriate terms relating to the passing of time (empire, civilisation, parliament, peasantry...).
- Identifying where periods studied fit into a chronological framework by noting connections, trends and contrasts over time.
- Know and understand the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day.
- In depth study of different periods, using appropriate vocabulary when describing the passing of time and historical concepts (propaganda, bias, primary source, secondary source, reliability...).
- Analyse connections, trends and contrasts over time.

Events, People and Changes

Show their knowledge and understanding of local, national and international history by:

- Understanding significant aspects of history nature of ancient civilisations; expansion and dissolution of empires; characteristic features of non-European societies; achievements and follies of mankind.
- Gaining historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts...between cultural, economic, military, political religious and social history.
- Establishing a narrative showing connections and trends within and across periods of study.
- Begin to recognise and describe the nature and extent of diversity, change and continuity and suggest relationships between causes.
- Presenting a clear narrative within and across periods that notes connections, contrasts and trends over time.

Communication

- Produce structured work that makes connections, draws contrasts, analyses trends, frames historically-valid questions involving thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information using appropriate dates and terms.
- Produce detailed structured work to select and deploy information and make appropriate use of historical terminology and contrasting evidence.

Enquiry, Interpretation and Using Sources

- Understand the methods of historical enquiry, how evidence is used to make historical claims, and begin to discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed.
- Use sources as a basis for research from which they will begin to use information as evidence to test hypotheses.
- Begin to evaluate sources to make historical claims, and discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed, and establish evidence for particular enquiries.
- Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of different sources and that different versions of past events often exist, giving some reasons for this.
- Begin to recognise why some events, people and changes might be judged as more historically significant than others.