

Knowledge Mat: HISTORY

Key Knowledge for Year 8 in History

Term 1: 16th CENTURY LIFE & THE REFORMATION

- Analysis of Life in the 16th century
- The Tudor Monarchs
- The Reformation – (why, where, how, impact, significance)

Term 2: THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

- Power and politics - The causes
- Civil war – a nation torn
- Oliver Cromwell – the impact and significance of the Civil War.

Term 3: BLACK PEOPLE'S OF THE AMERICAS

- Empire, trade and the beginnings of slavery
- The effects of slavery and the abolitionist movement
- The fight for freedom and equality.

Wider Experiences / Try To Do:

- Conduct your own historical research.
- Watch relevant TV documentaries or films.
- Read relevant books.
- Visit a local historical site (Lyme Park).

The big questions:

- What was good or bad about life in 16th century?
- What were the causes, impact and significance of the Reformation?
- What were the causes, impact and significance of the English Civil War?
- How did black Americans' experiences help to shape America?

Vocabulary

<u>Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Monarch	The King or Queen.
Gentry	The group of people who have money and land.
Peasant	The group of people who have no land of their own .
Beggar	Somebody who begs for food or money.
Life expectancy	How long a person is expected to live.
Reformation	The religious movement that attempted to change the church.
Catholic	A Christian who belongs to the Roman Catholic Church.
Protestant	A Christian who belongs to the Protestant church.
Monastery	A building where a group of monks live and pray.
Divine	Connected with God or having Godly powers.
Execute	To kill somebody as a punishment for breaking the law.
Parliament	The group of people who help to govern the country.
Civil War	A war between two or more groups within the same country.
Slave	Somebody who is considered the property of somebody else.
Rights	The freedom to be able to do something, supported by law.
Abolish	To get rid of or put an end to.
Emancipation	The act of setting someone or a group of people free.

