

Knowledge Mat: HISTORY

Key Knowledge for Year 9 in History

Term 1: THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

- Changes 1750-1900 – Group research and presentation.
- The Industrial revolution (why, where, how, impact, significance).
- Term 2: THE STRUGGLE FOR THE VOTE
- The political system in the 1820s.
- How close Britain came to Revolution 1815-40.
- The struggle to gain the vote for working men and women.

Term 3: WORLD WAR I AND II

- WW1 (why, where, how, impact, significance).
- Communism, Fascism and the rise of the Dictators
- WW2 (why, where, how, impact, significance).

Wider Experiences / Try To

Do...

- Conduct your own research.
- Visit a museum (eg The Imperial War Museum, The People's History Museum).
- Watch relevant documentaries or films.
- Read relevant books.

The big questions:

- Why was there so much change during the industrial period?
- How can ordinary people change their world?
- How could something as terrible as the Holocaust happen? What can we learn from it?

Vocabulary

Word

Meaning

Industry	The work and process of making things in factories.
Revolution	Large change that happens very quickly and affects a lot of people.
Trade	Buying and selling goods.
Factory	A building where goods are made, often using machines.
Reform	Changing the law for the better.
M.P	A member of parliament.
Constituency	An area of voters split into counties and boroughs.
Election	Where people vote to choose their MPs.
Democracy	Voters get to choose who they want to run the country.
Representation	Voters' interests in a constituency are represented by MPs.
Alliance	An agreement between countries to defend one another.
Trenches	Both sides digging trenches in order to defend themselves.
Armistice	A truce (to stop fighting) in war to discuss terms for peace.
Dictator	A leader who rules by terror or force.
Depression	When the economy is greatly affected by unemployment and poverty.
Indoctrinate	To make people believe only what you want them to believe.
Propaganda	Information that is designed to influence how you think or act.

