

Year 7

Topic Overview



Autumn Term

Topic 1

Raiders, Traders and Invaders - who were the migrants to Britain and how did they change the UK pre-1066?

How did William conquer England?

Spring Term

Topic 2.

Where do our laws come from?

What was life like in Medieval England?

Summer Term

Topic 3.

Medieval medicine — what was it like to be ill in medieval England?

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Year 9 Topic Overview Descriptions

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Topic 1

Raiders, Traders and invaders

Who were the Roman, Saxon, Viking and Norman peoples? What was their impact on Britain? How do sources show the varied impacts of these people (including women and successful black migrants).

How did William conquer England?

What was England like in 1066? How was England's next king chosen and who were the candidates? Who were fighting for the throne and who won (Battles up to and including 1066). Can I explain the challenges of living in England in 1066? What do we learn about William by his actions (Harrying of the North).

Spring Term

Topic 2

Where do our laws come from?

What did Henry the third do with his troublesome barons? How did Parliament evolve from Magna Carta? Can I describe how the new Parliament worked and what it was really like? What was Parliament like then compare to today?

What was life like in Medieval England?

What was a village like in medieval England? How was a medieval town different from a village and what opportunities and challenges did it present? What was the feudal system and who held the power? How did it help England? What role did the church play in Medieval life and how did Monks and Nuns make a difference to their communities?

Summer Term

Topic 3

Medieval medicine—what was it like to be ill in medieval England?

What was medicine like in medieval times (focus of types of medicine, the role of primitive surgery and examples). What Medieval diseases existed and what were their cures? Visit to Newcastle castle for the medieval medicine workshop! How did Medieval medicine change?

Why did the Normans build castles and how did they change (site visit)?

What did the Normans do after 1066? Development of castles and their role in running England. What was life like in a castle and how did they change? How were castles attacked and defended? What can we learn from a study of Newcastle castle?