

# Year 8 Topic Overview



## Autumn Term

### Topic 1

Big ideas and amazing inventions. The Renaissance period.

What was the Reformation and why was it so important to Europe and England?

## Spring Term

### Topic 2

Who were the Tudors? Was Elizabeth 1st England's greatest Monarch?

Charles 1st and Parliament's great row! What was the English civil war and why did it occur?

## Summer Term

### Topic 3

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China a world history study.

# Year 8 Topic Overview Descriptions

## Autumn Term

### Topic 1

#### **Big ideas and amazing inventions.**

Can I say what the Renaissance was? Can I compare the Medieval period to the Renaissance? Can I describe why Italy was ideal for the Renaissance/ Can I describe what the new ideas were in the renaissance? Can I explain and give examples of Humanism? Who were the main people in the Renaissance (Look at people like Galileo, Leonardo, Michelangelo). Can I explain some of the concepts from the renaissance that still exist today?

#### **What was the Reformation and why was it so important to Europe and England?**

Can I say what life was like in the Medieval church before the Reformation? Who was Martin Luther and why was he so important? What are some sources that show elements of the reformation? Why was there a reformation in England, what were Henry's real motives? What was the dissolution of the monasteries and why did it happen? What happened to those who protested against Henry 8th?

## Spring Term

### Topic 2

#### **Who were the Tudors? Was Elizabeth 1st England's greatest Monarch?**

Who were the Tudors and when did they reign? What does a Monarch do? Comparison of different Monarch's (Henry 8th, Queen Elizabeth 1, Queen Elizabeth 2). Can I explain why many think Elizabeth was the greatest Monarch (examination of problems, strengths and weaknesses). Is there an alternative view (recent poll).

#### **Charles 1st and Parliament's great row! What was the English civil war and why did it occur?**

What were the problems of Charles and Parliament? Can I explain how Charles 1st caused people to rebel against him (birds have flown and other examples). Can I explain who the different sides were in the Civil war (Cavaliers and Roundheads). Can I explain why Parliament would kill a king?

## Summer Term

### Topic 3

#### **All change! What were the inventions in the Industrial Revolution that changed Britain and the world?**

How has our country changed 1750 to 2022? look at different images linked to change in UK (linked to themes such as transport, power ). What were the key inventions that brought changes (use of sources). Why was coal important to the Industrial Revolution? How did transport change over time and how did this help industrialisation? What was it like in the new towns for workers? What improvements did the Industrial Revolution bring Britain and the world?

#### **China a world history study.**

What was happening in China when there was an Industrial Revolution in Britain? What were the similarities and differences in Chinese and British history at this time?