

Year 7 History Department Curriculum 2021 - 2022

Half Term 2 Scheme of Learning
Focus: Contested Power

Enquiry Question
What problems did Medieval monarchs face after 1066?

Intent of this scheme of learning

The intent of this scheme of learning is for students to understand the problems that Monarchs faced and how they can overcome. Students can liken this to problem solving and decision making in their every day lives.

Prior learning and links to future learning

Students will study the Byzantine Empire which links to the Crusades in HT3 when students learn about the conflict in the Middle East between Christians and Muslims. In Year 8, students will revisit the theme of empire when learning about the British and Mali Empire in HT1 & HT2.

Disciplinary Knowledge

Disciplinary knowledge refers to knowledge of history as a discipline: the methods of historians and their conceptual frameworks. This scheme of learning primarily assesses the concept of change and continuity across the timescale.

Interpreting the past

Students will be exposed to the works of Historians and will learn to 'Think like a Historian' by looking at interpretations of the past, and in particular the work of:

Marjorie Chibnall - Empress Matilda

Substantive Knowledge

British Knowledge:

- Reign of William the Conqueror
- Development of Castles
- Norman monarchs of England

The enquiry question is linked throughout with opportunities for students to review and debate.

Meanwhile elsewhere in Europe and/or the Wider World:

- Byzantine Empire and Constantinople

Assessment and Feedback

All feedback follows the whole school teaching and learning policy with collective and personalised feedback.

Assessments will assess knowledge and understanding, conceptual awareness, sources analysis and how historians interpret the past.

Links to career and the wider world

Throughout the scheme of learning, students will develop academic skills which are transferable to the world of work and future learning. For example, weigh up evidence to reach a judgement about the problems faced by Monarchs. Students will also judge the

Academy core values – Respect, Ambition, Resilience and Compassion

Through the study of this scheme of learning, students will access topics which link to the core values of the Academy. Students will realise the ambition of Matilda and Empress Zoe and link to their own ambitions.

Assessment 3: How did the Normans keep control? Assessment 4: What problems did Medieval Monarchs face after 1066?	decisions made and assess their own decision making skills.	
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Lesson Sequencing			
	Learning Intention TBAT	Key knowledge	Challenge framework
How did the Normans keep control?			
1	Describe William's control of England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Resistance to William the Conqueror Events of the Harrying of the North Bayeux Tapestry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the Harrying of the North Explain the need for the Harrying of the North Evaluate the usefulness of the Bayeux Tapestry in learning about the Harrying of the North
2	Evaluate the reign of William the Conqueror	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey of England & the Domesday Book Roles in the feudal system William's methods of control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List the events of William's reign Compare the success of the tactics he used Evaluate William's reign
3	Evaluate the strengths of motte and bailey castles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Features of motte and bailey castles Negatives of castles William's use of castles as a method of control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the features of motte and bailey castles Describe the features of motte and bailey castles Evaluate motte and bailey castles
4	Explain how castles changed over time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of castles Concentric castles Siege techniques & weapons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe examples of change and continuity Compare the changes in castles Explain the reason for the changes
Who deserved the throne?			
5	Assess the death of William Rufus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norman family tree Death of William II 	Describe the events of the death of William II Evaluate the evidence regarding the death Make a judgement about the death of William Rufus
6	Assess Matilda's claim to the throne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norman family tree Role and status of women in medieval England Events of the Civil War Conclusion & Henry II 	Identify Matilda's claim to the throne Describe Matilda's actions Assess the problems for Matilda in her claim
What problems did other leaders have?			

7	Describe the threats to the Byzantine Empire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spread of the Roman Empire• Reasons for the split of the Empire• Split of the Roman Empire• Threats to the Byzantine Empire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify how the Byzantine Empire began• Describe the threats to the Byzantine Empire• Assess the significance of the Byzantine Empire
8	Assess the problems for Empress Zoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empress Zoe's heritage• Attitudes towards female leaders• Empress Zoe's role in politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify features of Empress Zoe's rule• Describe the threats that Zoe faced• Compare the problems of Matilda and Zoe