

History Layer Two: Skills by Year Group

Year One

Chronology	Interpretation of History	Historical Enquiry	Communication and Organisation
I can use words and phrases such as; now, yesterday, last week, recently, when I was younger, a long time ago, before I was born, when my parents were young.	I can talk about things that happened to me in living memory.	I can recall events from the past from stories that have been read to me.	I can explain my historical understanding through a range of practical and written activities.
I can put a few events, photos or objects in order of when they happened.	I can name some things that happened to other people or events in living memory.	I can ask and answer questions about artefacts and pictures from the past.	I can use pictures, drama, role play, build models and use timelines to present my work.
	I can identify objects from the past and say how I know.	I can give a plausible explanation about what an object was used for in the past.	
	I can identify the main differences between old and new objects/photos.	I can use pictures and artefacts to say what was different in the past.	
	I can explain how my local area was different in the past.	I can find out about something in the past by asking someone who can remember the event.	
	I can say why one person's memories of events might be different to that of someone else.		

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I can use words and phrases to describe when things happened e.g. decade, century.	I can recount the life of someone famous who lived in the past and what they did.	I can use a range of sources to find out about the past - stories, eyewitness accounts, pictures, artefacts.	I can explain my historical through a range of practical and written activities.
I can order events and people I have studied using a simple timeline.	I can make comparisons between some aspects of life in different time periods.	I can use books to help me find out about the events I am studying.	In addition to Year 1, I can use photographs, written accounts and stories to present my understanding.
I can compare when the events took place (those I am studying in relation to those studied before).	I can recall facts about significant local people from the past and explain how they have influenced life today.	I can ask questions to find out about people/events in the past (who, what, when, why, where) (beyond living memory).	
I can give reasons for the order of events or people using vocabulary relating to the passing of time.	I can suggest why people acted as they did.		
	I can identify some of the ways we find out about the past and know that some are more reliable than others.		

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Year Three

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I can describe events and periods of time using the words; BC, AD, century, ancient.	I can say how items found belonging in the past are helping us to build an accurate picture of how people lived in the past.	I can ask and answer questions about how things were different in the past and how aspects of life have changed over time.	I can use historical sources to create written narrative and structure accounts.
I can describe events from the past using dates when things happened.	I can describe some similarities and differences between people, events and artefacts from the past.	I can suggest various sources of evidence to help me answer questions about the past.	I can select and organise information to answer a question, communicated for example, as a presentation, a poster, written form.
I can order the periods I am studying on a timeline and compare to events I already know about.	I can explain how events from the past have shaped our lives today.	I can use more than one source to collect evidence about the past e.g. photographs, written accounts, artefacts.	I can draw labelled diagrams and write about them to tell others about people, objects and events from the past.
I can use a timeline to order events and significant people for the period of time I am studying.	I can say what is similar and different about two different accounts of the same event and how this can affect our understanding of history.	I can ask historical questions based on evidence.	
	I can use evidence to describe some of the following: houses and settlements, buildings and their uses, culture, religion and leisure, way of life for different people e.g. rich and poor.		

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Year Four

Chronology	Interpretation of History	Historical Enquiry	Communication and Organisation
I can use words and phrases accurately such as, century, before, during to describe the passing of time and events studied.	I can suggest why certain events happened or people acted as they did in history.	I can collect evidence from a range of sources and interpret it to provide an idea of what life was like in the past.	In addition to that in Year 3: I can present my findings about the past using speaking, writing, ICT, drama and drawing skills.
I can place periods of history on a timeline showing periods of time.	I can explain some similarities and differences between people, events and artefacts from the past and explain the significance of these.	I can lead my own historical enquiry into an important historical person or event and present my findings in a clear and succinct manner.	I can communicate knowledge and understanding orally and in writing and offer points of view based on what I have found out.
I can use a timeline to order events and significant people for the period of time I am studying.	I can suggest the causes of key events and changes in the time periods I am studying.		
I can use chronology to explain how an aspect of life has changed over more than one historical era.	I can identify differences in accounts of history and suggest reasons for these.		
	I can use evidence to describe some of the following and explain how they are similar or different in different time periods: houses and settlements, buildings and their uses, culture, religion and leisure, way of life for different people e.g. rich and poor I can provide examples of how events in the past shaped peoples lives over time and have influences how we live today.		

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Year Five

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I can use dates, historical vocabulary when ordering, and comparing events from the past.	I can research two versions of an event, identifying differences between them.	I can use a range of primary and secondary evidence.	<p>In addition to Year 3 and 4:</p> <p>I can choose the most appropriate way to present my information, for an intended audience and purpose.</p>
I can draw timelines to show a range of information e.g. periods of history, events, significant people.	I can explain with clear reasons why there may be different accounts of history.	I can use artefacts to pose questions/ hypothesis, which I back up using other sources.	
I can use a timeline to compare periods of history that I have studied so far.	I can use historical sources to understand bias/contrasting arguments.	I can distinguish between reliable and unreliable sources if evidence to answer questions about the past.	
I can use chronological skills to show when places developed and how life has changed in the local area and an aspect of history e.g. space exploration.	I can decide whether a source of evidence is reliable to describe: houses and settlements, buildings and their uses, culture, religion and leisure, way of life for different people e.g. rich and poor I can make comparisons between different events in history; explaining things that have changed and things that have stayed the same.	I can ask and answer questions about change, causes, difference and significance.	
	I can explain why this might have happened using evidence. I can explain how events in history are significant in British and World history.	I can lead my own enquiry into an aspect of British or World history and present my findings in a range of ways.	

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Year Six

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I can use a timeline and dates to demonstrate changes and developments in aspects of life over time.	I can explain how significant events have helped shape the country we have today.	I can give more than one reason to support an historical argument.	As in previous year groups but with greater depth and sophistication.
I can use a timeline that uses the reference points: Ancient civilizations, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Tudors, Stuarts, Georgians, Victorians, Modern Day to place events in the right place.	I can summarise the main events from a specific period in history, explaining the order in which they happened.	I can confidently use a range of sources of evidence to change and continuity during periods studied.	I can use extended writing and presentations to explain key aspects of a time period.
I can explain how Britain has had a major influence on world history.	I can summarise how Britain has had a major influence on world history.	I can identify and explain propaganda and why someone might want to persuade another person about a version of events.	
	I can explain what Britain may have learnt from other countries and civilisations through time.	I can lead my own enquiry into an aspect of World history and present my findings in a range of ways.	
	I can recognise and describe differences and similarities / changes and continuity between periods of history.		
	I can evaluate evidence to choose which is the most reliable form.		
	I can explain how people have points of view and this can affect their interpretation of the past.		
	I can give clear reasons why there might be different accounts of history.		