

The curriculum for this stage of students' education has been designed to learn the first topics of the GCSE course starting with the thematic study of Crime & Punishment. Skills for this paper will be applied during lessons. The second half of the year will be concentrating on the depth study of Early Elizabethan England which is both content and evaluative based.. The final part of the year will be concentrated on the depth study of Superpower Relations which is a knowledge-based paper

Unit 1: Crime & Punishment Through Time

STUDENTS MUST KNOW;

Medieval, Early Modern and Industrial Britain

- Trial by ordeal
- Wergild
- Forest Laws
- Trail by Combat
- Sanctuary
- Tithings
- Vagrancy
- Matthew Hopkins
- The Gunpowder Plot
- The Bloody Code
- Smuggling
- Highwaymen
- Poaching
- Tolpuddle martyrs
- The Peelers
- Transportation
- Prison reforms

Historic environment: Whitechapel 1880

- Living conditions
- Immigration
- Problems with policing
- Crime in Whitechapel
- Why was Jack the Ripper never caught?

Modern Crime & Punishment

- Smuggling & drug offences
- Conscientious objectors
- Changes to prisons & policing
- Young Offenders
- The Death Penalty
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Unit 2: Early Elizabethan England

STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

Queen, government and religion (1558-69):

- How was society and government organised,
- Problems Elizabeth faced in 1558,
- Religious divisions in 1558
- The religious settlement (1559) & its challenges

Challenges to Elizabeth at home and abroad (1569-88):

- Revolts against Elizabeth
- The importance of Walsingham
- The problem of MQOS and reasons for her execution
- causes of war with Spain,
- The reasons for and consequences of the English victory.

Elizabethan society and the age of exploration (1558-88):

- Education & leisure activities
- The reasons for increases in poverty
- Changes in attitudes towards the poor
- Reasons for exploration
- The significance of Drake's circumnavigation of the globe
- The significance of Raleigh and the attempted colonisation of Virginia,
- Reasons for the failure of Virginia.

Embedding this knowledge can be supported at home by an array of videos that focus on medieval and renaissance medicine that shows a detailed description of what surgery was like during those periods. GCSE Pod have an array of videos that consolidate learning and understanding. BBC Cold War series is available on YouTube and it's a detailed series and has some fantastic interviews with the individuals involved during the Cold War.