

The Cornwall Independent School

TCIS History Topic Overview Plan 2026/27

Support

Strive

Succeed

Year Group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 7	What was the impact of the Norman Conquest?	Causes and consequences of The Crusades.	Medieval Religion <i>We take a look at the importance of the church and religion, including the crusades, and take a look at The Black Death before investigating what happened to t</i>	Medieval Society	Tudors Henry VIII <i>Henry VIII and his break with Rome and follows the religious rollercoaster that influenced so much of this period in History.</i>	Elizabeth 1st
Year 8	The Stuarts <i>We take a look at The Gunpowder Plot, The English Civil War, the end of the monarchy with the execution of Charles I and the Glorious Revolution.</i>	The Slave Trade <i>Students will learn about the experience of enslaved people as well as the abolition movement and the underground railroad.</i>	The British Empire <i>Topics include The British East India Company, The Scramble for Africa and also focus studies on India and Australia. We finish this unit with a look at Empire soldiers in WW1.</i>	Industrial Revolution <i>We move into the Victorian period by focusing on the Industrial Revolution and what this meant for the people of Britain.</i>	WW1 <i>Our final Year 8 unit looks at both the long- and short-term causes of WW1, recruitment, trench life, The Somme and the role of women during WW1.</i>	
Year 9	USA in the 1920s: Boom to Bust	Weimar and Nazi Germany <i>This unit covers a period of great change for Germany. We begin with discussing the Treaty of Versailles and move on to learn more about Weimar Germany in the period immediately following WW1.</i>		The Holocaust and WW2 <i>We then tackle the difficult subject of The Holocaust and investigate both the long- and short-term causes, events and impact.</i>	Life during the Cold War	Whitechapel: Jack the Ripper Crime

Year 10 (GCSE 2028)	Early Elizabethan England, 1558 – 88 Paper 2: British Depth Study <i>The depth studies focus on a substantial and coherent short time span and require students to understand the complexity of a society or historical situation and the interplay of different aspects within it.</i> <i>This unit contains 3 key topics:</i> • Queen, government and religion, 1558-69 • Challenges to Elizabeth at home and abroad, 1569-88 <i>Elizabethan society in the Age of Exploration, 1558-88</i>		The American West, c1835 – 1895 Paper 2: Period Study <i>The period studies focus on a substantial and coherent medium time span of at least 50 years and require students to understand the unfolding narrative of substantial developments and issues associated with the period.</i>		Crime and Punishment, c1000 – present Paper One: Thematic Study <i>The thematic studies require students to understand change and continuity across a long sweep of history, including the most significant characteristics of different ages from the medieval to modern periods. They include people, events and developments and reveal wider changes in aspects of society over the centuries and allow comparisons to be made between different periods of history.</i>	
Year 11 26/27	Complete Elizabethan England 1558-88	Crime and Punishment, c1000 – present Paper One: Thematic Study	Revision Specifically, Paper 3 Weimer Nazi Germany	Exams		
Year 11 27/28	American West		Weimar and Nazi Germany		Exams	