

KS3 Enquiries Overview 2025-26

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Term 1	How did William of Normandy gain control of England? [13/14] 1. What was England like before 1066? [2] 2. How did England come to have a French king? [5] 3. How did William I keep control of England? [6] 4. Meanwhile, elsewhere: The Norman Empire [1]		How far was ‘the world turned upside down’ in Britain, 1603-1660? [13/14] 1. How had England changed by 1603? [2] 2. How far was the personality of Charles I to blame for the outbreak of the English Civil Wars in 1642? [5] 3. Why did the Republican experiment fail? [5] 4. Review and retrieval [1]		What were the causes and consequences of the First World War? [13] 1. What were the causes of the First World War? [4] 2. How did life change for British people during the war? [5] 3. What do the stories of the ‘ <i>often forgotten armies</i> ’ reveal about the Western Front? [3] 4. What caused the end of WWI? [1]	
Term 2	How far did Medieval societies differ? [13/14] 1. What was everyday life like in Medieval England? [4] 2. What were the achievements of the Islamic Golden Age? [4] 3. Why were the kingdoms of West Africa so great? [4] 4. Review and retrieval [1]		How and why did absolute monarchies collapse in the 17th and 18th centuries? [13/14] 1. How far did Renaissance discoveries affect change in society? [4] 2. How ‘Glorious’ was the Glorious Revolution? [4] 3. How far did Enlightenment ideas influence revolutions abroad? [4] 4. Review and retrieval [1]		What were the causes of the Russian Revolutions, 1861-1917? [5] 1. What is an ideology? [1] 2. How did Russian society change, 1861-1905? [1] 3. How stable was Russia by 1917? [1] 4. What were the causes of the 1917 Revolutions? [2]	Why did the vote matter, 1880-1928? [4] 1. Who was ‘The Angel in the House’? [1] 2. How effective were early Suffragette methods of protest? [1] 3. Why did the campaign become more militant after 1910? [1] 4. Review of enquiry [1]
Term 3	What were the causes of conflict and instability in Medieval England, c.1100-1290? [11/12] 1. Why was ‘The Anarchy’ a period of instability for England? [2] 2. What does the story of Thomas Becket reveal about where the power lay in Medieval England? [1] 3. What were the causes and consequences of the Crusades? [2] 4. How far did the barons challenge the absolute power of kings in the 13 th century? [6] 5. Review and retrieval [1]		How far did the Industrial Revolution transform British life? [8] 1. How did Britain change during the Industrial era? [4] 2. How successful were challenges to the franchise in Britain, 1800-1848? [4]		How unstable was Europe during the Interwar Years? [11/12] 1. How far was the post-war settlement a peace keeping failure? [3] 2. How far was the Great Depression the main reason for the rise of fascism in Germany? [3] 3. How did Hitler consolidate and secure control? [2] 4. How far was the failure of the policy of appeasement the main cause of the outbreak of WWII? [3]	
Term 4	How different were the experiences of those living in Medieval Britain? [8/9] 1. How far did Edward I strengthen the monarchy? [4] 2. How far were women considered second-class citizens in Medieval societies? [1] 3. How were Jewish people persecuted in Medieval Europe? [1] 4. Why was the Black Death so devastating? [1/2] 5. How far was the Peasants’ Revolt a success for the peasants? [1/2]		How do historians have constructive conversations about the British Empire? [12/13] 1. Why did Britain build an Empire? [2] 2. What was the impact of colonisation on the Aboriginal population of Australia? [2] 3. Why does it matter what we call the Indian Rebellion of 1857? [4] 4. Why are statues of Cecil Rhodes coming down? [2] 5. Interpretations: How do historians have constructive conversations about the British Empire? [2/3]		Why was World War II a global conflict? [10] 1. How successful were Allied responses to the Wehrmacht in Europe? [5] 2. What was the impact of the civilian experience of WWII? [1] 3. What were the experiences of the war in the Pacific Rim? [2] 4. How was ‘victory’ achieved in Europe and the Pacific? [2]	
Term 5	How did Early Modern monarchs secure their dynasties? Part 1 [8] 1. What led to the fall of Richard II in 1399? [1] 2. Why was England at war with France? [4] 3. How did a Tudor win the Wars of Roses? [3]		How do historians have constructive conversations about the British Empire? [Continued for 3 weeks] How has Britain distorted its role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade? [12] 1. What was African society really like before the 18 th century? [2] 2. What was Britain’s role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade? [4]		How does persecution lead to genocide? [11/12] 1. What prejudice have Jewish people faced in the past? [3] 2. How were Nazi ‘enemies’ persecuted under Nazism? [3] 3. How did Jewish people resist persecution? [1] 4. Were ordinary Germans responsible for the Holocaust? [2] 5. How did Britain & its allies respond to the Holocaust? [1] 6. Does genocide ever just ‘happen’? [1]	
Term 6	How did Early Modern monarchs secure their dynasties? Part 2 [10] 1. How did Henry VII secure control of England? [1] 2. Was Henry’s desire for a male heir the main reason for the ‘Break with Rome’? [3] 3. How far did religion change during the 16 th century Reformation in England? [4] 4. What was the greatest challenge to Elizabethan rule? [2]	“Ever since they’ve recently been allowed in, ‘foreigners’ have been a burden on British society”. Discuss [4] Myth 1: “They’ve only starting come here recently” [2] Myth 2: “They arrive here from uncivilized and underdeveloped places” [2]	How has Britain distorted its role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade? [12] 3. Who <i>really</i> abolished slavery in 1833? [4] 4. What is the legacy of Britain’s role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade? [2]	How and why has the Long Civil Rights Movement 1861-Present been forgotten? [8] 1. To what extent did emancipation lead to equality, 1861-1896? [2] 2. How did the community challenge Jim Crow segregation before 1954? [2] 3. What role did grassroots activism play in ‘The’ Civil Rights Movement, 1854-68? [2] 4. What did Black Power <i>really</i> stand for? [2]	“Ever since they’ve recently been allowed in, ‘foreigners’ have been a burden on British society”. Discuss [7] Myth 1: “They’ve only starting come here recently” [1] Myth 2: “They arrive here from uncivilized and underdeveloped places” [2] Myth 3: “Why don’t they just go back to where they come from?” [1] Myth 4: “Why are they here, stealing our jobs?” [2]	To what extent was the Race Relations Act in 1965 necessary in Britain? [6] 1. What were the causes and consequences of the Seaport riots in 1919? [1] 2. What is the history of the Notting Hill Carnival? [1] 3. Why were there bus boycotts in Bristol? [1] 4. What were the consequences of the Commonwealth Immigration Act of 1962? [1] 5. What did the Black Panther movement in Britain stand for? [1] 6. What happened to Yvonne Ruddock and Stephen Lawrence? [1]

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Term 2	Medieval Societies [13/14] Village and Town Life [4] The Islamic Golden Ages [4] Kingdoms of West Africa [4] Retrieval and enquiry review [1]	Rights and Revolutions 1660-1789 [13/14] Renaissance: Science vs Superstition [4] The Enlightenment & The Glorious Revolution [4] The American & French Revolutions [4] Retrieval and enquiry review [1]	The Russian Revolution, 1861-1917 [5] Ideology [1], Society & 1905 [1], Nicholas II & WWI [1], October & February Revolutions [2] Women's Suffrage 1880-1928 [4] Domestic Sphere [1], Early Methods [1], Militancy post-1910 [1] Review of enquiry [1]
Term 3	Medieval Conflict [13/14] The Anarchy [2] Becket [1] The Crusades [2] The birth of Parliament 1199-1290 [6] Retrieval and enquiry review [1]	Industrial Britain 1750-1900 [8] The Industrial Revolution [2] Factory Reform [2] Challenges to the franchise [4]	The Interwar Period 1918-39 [11/12] Post-War Settlements – ToV & LoN [3] The Nazis' Rise to Power 1918-33 [3] Nazi Consolidation and Control [2] Causes of WWII [3]
Term 4	Changes in Medieval Society in Britain [8/9] Edward I – Scotland & Wales [4] Treatment of Different Groups [2] Black Death & Peasants' Revolt [2/3]	The British Empire [12/13] Conceptual introduction [2] Australia [2] British India [4] The Scramble for Africa [2] Retrieval and enquiry review [2/3]	World War Two 1939-45 [10] Global Scale Overview [1] Dunkirk & Battle of Britain & Churchill [3], Russia [1], Civilian Experience [1] The Pacific Rim [2], D-Day [1], Atomic bomb [1]
Term 5	Dynasties 1445-1603 Part 1 [8] Richard II [1] The Hundred Years' War [4] The Wars of the Roses [3]	The British Empire [12/13] continued British India [4] The Scramble for Africa [2] Retrieval and enquiry review [2/3] Resistance to the Transatlantic Slave Trade [12] Pre-Colonial African Civilisation [2] The Transatlantic Slave Trade [4]	Genocide [11/12] Introduction [1], Historic Anti-Semitism [2], Post-WWI [1], Nazi Persecution [3], Resistance [1], The Goldhagen Thesis [2], Allied Response [1], Post- War Genocide [1]
Term 6	Dynasties 1445-1603 Part 2 [10] continued The Tudors 1485-1558 [8] Threats to Elizabethan England [2] Migration c.55BC- 1600 [4] Romans, Vikings, Moors, Huguenots	Resistance to the Transatlantic Slave Trade [12] continued Resistance & Abolition [4] Legacy [2] The Long Civil Rights Movement in the USA [8] Civil War & Reconstruction 1861-1896 [2] Early Grassroots Campaigns 1896-1954 [2] 'The' Civil Rights Movement 1854-68 [2] Black Power in the USA [2]	Migration c.55BC-1948 [7] Romans & Vikings [1], The Moors & Huguenots [2], Irish [1], Caribbean and South Asian [2], Enquiry [1] Race Relations in the 20th Century [6] Seaport Riots [1] Notting Hill [1], Bus Boycotts [1] CIA Act [1], Black Power [1], Ruddock & Lawrence [1]

