



Overview

Year 7 unit 1 begins in Constantinople, where East meets West, ideas are exchanged, religions coexist, and trade flourishes. This provides an understanding of the interconnectedness between different parts of the world, such as tracking the influence of the Spice Roads from China into Europe. Students gain significant context and foundational knowledge about Christianity and Islam for later in the year when they visit this region again in unit 3 through the lens of medieval conflict and the Crusades. It also prepares them with a conceptual understanding of the development of scientific knowledge and the spread of ideas. This is built on in unit 6, when they learn about the Renaissance, and explore the age of discoveries. The Year 7 curriculum comes full circle as unit 6 begins with the collapse of Constantinople in the 15th century, 400 years after they initially studied its importance and influence in the region in unit 1. The concepts of power and authority are present in Year 7 such as unit 3 the power struggle between the Crown and the Church are introduced. These are developed in unit 5 when individual challenges to authority are studied, such as Becket, Magna Carta and the Peasants' Revolt.

Autumn

Empires East and West c1000

- The World c.1000
- Chinese Dynasties
- Islamic Empire

The Norman Conquest

- Anglo-Saxon England
- Norman Conquest: 1066
- Norman Control – peaceful and violent methods
- The extent of change during the Norman period.

Medieval Church and Life

- Power and Hierarchy of the Church
- Medieval Places of worship
- Life after Death
- Monasteries and Medicine
- The treatment of Jews in Medieval Europe

Assessment:

Checkpoint Assessment on Units 1 and 2

Spring

Revision lessons and Mid-Year exam

Challenges to Medieval Monarchs

- Stephen and Matilda
- Henry II and Thomas Becket
- King John and Magna Carta
- Henry III and parliament
- The Black Death
- The Peasants Revolt
- The Wars of the Roses

Assessment:

Mid-Year Exam

Checkpoint Assessment on Units 1-4

Summer

Medieval Mali

- Mansa Musa
- The Hajj to Makkah
- The Mali Empire 1325-1337

Revision Lessons and the Exam

The Renaissance

1. The fall of Constantinople
2. The Ottoman Empire
3. Byzantine migration
4. Renaissance thinking
5. Renaissance philosophy
6. Advancements in science, technology and medicine.
7. Voyages of discovery

Assessment:

Checkpoint Assessment on Units 1-5

End of Year exam

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

Visit Chester Cathedral/ Castles both are Norman sites. Or any other medieval castle or Town such as York, Conwy or Lancaster.

[Places to Visit | English Heritage \(english-heritage.org.uk\)](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/)

Homework:

Homework in KS3 History will be set ahead of assessments. These will be primarily revision based tasks on paper or on Seneca.