

Rising Stars History Topic List



KEY STAGE	YEAR	TOPIC NAME	ENQUIRY QUESTION	MAIN CURRICULUM FOCUS	BIG FINISH
KEY STAGE 1	YEAR 1	My Family History	What was life like when our grandparents were children?	Changes within living memory	Spend a day at grandad's school
		The Greatest Explorers	Who were the greatest explorers?	Lives of significant individuals	Design a memorial to the greatest explorer
		Great Inventions: Transport	How did the first flight change the world/Why were the Rainhill Trials important?	How did the first flight change the world/Why were the Rainhill Trials important?	Design a commemorative train
	YEAR 2	Bonfire Night and the Great Fire of London	Should we still celebrate Bonfire Night/Did the Great Fire make London a better or a worse place?	Events beyond living memory nationally or globally	N/A
		Holidays	How have holidays changed over time?	Changes within living memory	Create a pop-up seaside from the 1950s
		Our Local Heroes	Who are our local heroes?	Local History Study: Lives of significant individuals	Create a mini museum dedicated to your local heroes
LOWER KEY STAGE 2	YEAR 3	The Stone Age	What was new about the New Stone Age?	Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age	Perform a play depicting the changes in the Stone Age
		The Bronze Age and the Iron Age	Which was more impressive – the Bronze Age or the Iron Age?	Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age	Hold your very own debate on the greatest development in this period
		Local History	Why should we preserve our locality?	Local History Study: A study of a theme in British history that extends knowledge beyond 1066	Create a campaign to preserve a local treasure
	YEAR 4	The Ancient Egyptians	How much did the Ancient Egyptians achieve?	The achievements of the earliest civilisations	Create an Ancient Egyptian time capsule
		Roman Britain	What happened when the Romans came to Britain?	The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain	Stage a Roman army experience
		Crime and Punishment	How has Crime and Punishment changed over time?	A study of a theme in British history that extends knowledge beyond 1066	Create a display of the changes in crime and punishment
UPPER KEY STAGE 2	YEAR 5	The Anglo-Saxons	Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?	Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots	Carry out an archaeological excavation
		The Vikings	Would the Vikings do anything for money?	The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England	Write your own version of a Viking saga
		Journeys	What makes people go on a journey?	A study of a theme in British history that extends knowledge beyond 1066	Hold an assembly to link migration today with events in the past
	YEAR 6	The Maya Civilisation	Why should we remember the Maya?	The achievements of a non-European society	Make your very own Maya codex
		The Ancient Greeks	What did the Greeks do for us?	Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world	Lead a special social event about the legacies and influence of the Ancient Greeks
		The Impact of War	Did WWI or WWII have the biggest impact on our locality?	Local History Study: A study of a theme in British history that extends knowledge beyond 1066	Host an exhibition telling the story of your community during WWI and WWII