

Year 9 History

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YEAR 9 OVERVIEW			
Half term 1.	Part. 1 Causes of the First World War	The causes of the First World War, to show how and why conflict occurred.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Alliance System: the Triple Alliance; Franco -Russian Alliance; relations between the 'Entente' powers; the crises in Morocco (1905 and 1911) and the Balkans (1908–1909), and their effects on international relations. • Anglo-German rivalry: Britain and challenges to Splendid Isolation; Kaiser Wilhelm's aims in foreign policy, including Weltpolitik; colonial tensions; European rearmament, including the Anglo-German naval race. • Outbreak of war: Slav nationalism and relations between Serbia and Austria-Hungary; the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo and its consequences; the July Crisis; the Schlieffen Plan and Belgium; reasons for the outbreak of hostilities and the escalation of the conflict.

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Half term 2	Part. 2- Stalemate	Why the war was fought the way it was	<p>The Schlieffen Plan: the reasons for the plan, its failure, including the Battle of Marne and its contribution to the stalemate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Western Front: military tactics and technology, including trench warfare; the war of attrition; key battles, including Verdun, the Somme and Passchendaele, the reasons for, the events and significance of these battles. • The wider war: the war on other fronts; Gallipoli and its failure; the events and significance of the war at sea, including Jutland, the U-Boat campaign and convoys.
Half term 3	Part. 3 - End of the war	Why was it so difficult to bring it to a conclusion?	<p>Changes in the Allied Forces: consequences of the Bolshevik Revolution and the withdrawal of Russia on Germany strategy; the reasons for and impact of the entry of the USA into the war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military developments in 1918 and their contribution to Germany's defeat: the evolution of tactics and technology;

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			<p>Ludendorff the German Spring Offensive; the Allied advance during</p> <p>The Hundred Days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Germany surrenders: impact of the blockade; abdication of the Kaiser; armistice; the contribution of Haig and Foch to Germany's defeat.

Half term 4	Part one: American people and the 'Boom'	Why was there a boom in the US and who did and did not benefit.	The 'Boom': benefits, advertising and the consumer society; hire purchase; mass production, including Ford and the motor industry; inequalities of wealth; Republican government policies; stock market boom. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social and cultural developments: entertainment, including cinema and jazz; the position of women in society, including flappers.• Divided society: organised crime, prohibition and their impact on society; the causes of racial tension, the experiences of immigrants and the impact of immigration; the Ku Klux Klan; the Red Scare and the significance of the Sacco and Vanzetti case.
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Half term 5	Part two: Bust – Americans' experiences of the Depression and New Deal	The experience of the American people during the bust, their attempts to life themselves out of it and the role that WW2 played.	<p>American society during the Depression: unemployment; farmers; businessmen; Hoover's responses and unpopularity; Roosevelt's election as president.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effectiveness of the New Deal on different groups in society: successes and limitations including opposition towards the New Deal from Supreme Court, Republicans and Radical politicians; Roosevelt's contribution as president; popular culture. • The impact of the Second World War: America's economic recovery; Lend Lease; exports; social developments, including experiences of African-Americans and women.
Half term 6			