

Year 7 Crucial knowledge glossaries

Where we came from

Key events:

Romans invade Britain - 43AD, the Romans land and begin to conquer Britain.

Romans leave Britain - 410AD, the Roman legions are recalled to defend Rome.

First Viking raid - Lindisfarne monastery is attacked by Vikings, 793AD.

Alfred the Great - Becomes king of Wessex at first and then all Saxons.

Key words:

Pre-history - A time before the written word.

Tribe - A group of people who lived together in one area.

AD - After the death of Christ.

Kingdom - A territory controlled by a king or queen.

Wessex - The most powerful Saxon kingdom in England.

Key people:

Vespasian - Roman general and later emperor who invaded Britain in 43AD.

Alfred the Great - King of the Saxon kingdom of Wessex and later king of all Saxons in Britain.

Life & Death in Medieval England

Key events:

Battle of Stamford Bridge - Battle before Hastings in 1066 where King Harold II defeated Harald Hardrada.

Battle of Hastings - Saxon rule of England ended with the defeat of King Harold II in 1066 at Hastings.

Magna Carta - The document signed in 1215 to limit the power of the King.

Black Death arrives in England - 1/3 of population die from 1347.

Key words:

Pandemic - A deadly disease which spreads across the world.

Battle - Where two sides face off against one another usually resulting in one side claiming victory.

Parliament - A group of people who help the monarch run the country.

Monarch - King or Queen of a country.

Key people:

William I - First Norman king of England who won the Battle of Hastings.

Thomas Beckett - Archbishop of Canterbury. Murdered in 1170.

John I - King of England seen as weak, signed the Magna Carta in 1215.

Joan of Arc - French peasant girl turned hero after seeing God in a vision during the Hundred Years War.

The Tudors

Key events:

Break with Rome (1532) - Henry VIII makes England protestant.

Dissolution of the monasteries (1536) - English religious houses are destroyed and their wealth transferred to the crown.

Spanish Armada - Spanish invasion fleet of 1588 defeated by the English navy.

Key words:

Monastery - Religious house for monks.

Dissolution - Formally taking something apart.

Middle Way - Elizabeth's religious settlement.

Protestant - Religion where the monarch is the head of the church.

Catholic - Religion run by the Pope in Rome.

Armada - A group of war ships.

Key people:

Henry VIII - Famous for 6 wives & breaking with Rome.

Edward VI - Extreme protestant, youngest son of Henry VIII.

Mary I - Called 'Bloody Mary' for burning protestants.

Elizabeth I - Queen for 43 years.

Philip II - King of Spain.

Mary Queen of Scots - Catholic cousin of Elizabeth I.

The Stuarts

Key events:

Gunpowder Plot - Catholic plot to kill James I, 1605.

English Civil War - War between Parliament & the King in England 1642 - 49.

Interregnum - Period where England had no monarch, 1649 - 60.

Great Plague - Plague that hit London in 1665.

Great Fire of London - 5/6 of London is destroyed in 1666.

Key words:

Plot - A plan drawn up against someone or a group of people.

Interregnum - A period where England was ruled as a republic with no monarch.

Plague - A disease that spreads rapidly affecting hundreds of thousands of people.

Key people:

James I - First Stuart King of England.

Guy Fawkes - Figurehead of the Gunpowder Plot.

Robert Catesby - Leader of the Gunpowder Plot.

Oliver Cromwell - Lord Protector of England, 1653 - 58.

Matthew Hopkins - Self titled 'witch finder General'.