

Medium Term Planner for Thematic unit Beyond Face Value Year 6

Rationale

This end-of-key stage unit fulfils the post-1066 thematic requirement of the National Curriculum, but it does so in a particularly imaginative way. Instead of looking at just one period, here we look at three. Each has been deliberately chosen as they are optional topics so schools might not teach them at all. What we've done is to link the periods by a theme, an important one that runs through all studies of history. As a key role of historians is to sift and evaluate sources to try and construct an accurate view of the past, pupils need to see clear and motivating examples of where historians need to be careful so that pupils can truly understand what it is that historians do. The three chosen cameos are: **Tudor portraits** (Henry VIII and Elizabeth 1); **Victorian factories and town life; World War Two Home Front** (Evacuation and the Blitz). Progressively, pupils begin to ask the questions as to the nature and purpose of the source. **Who produced it and why?** These are crucial questions, of course, and not just for the history lesson. These are skills for life. We are teaching pupils how to evaluate evidence and be on their guard against treating everything at face value. They grasp that factory owners might want to give a different version of events than factory workers. 'I need to know who wrote it before I can trust it'. In the age of fake news, pupils learn about propaganda so that they can play an active role in society as sceptical, but not cynical, questioners of the information that is often designed to influence rather than educate.

NB This is a planner only. For full lesson details and resources go to the outstanding lessons section.

Key questions content coverage/key concepts	Learning objectives	Learning activities	Learning resources	Outcomes / assessment
• Would the real Henry VIII please stand up?	*Pupils realise that monarchs employed artists to boost their image *They understand that some portraits were iconic because the monarch wanted to convey a particular message at an	Pupils brainstorm adjectives they associate with Henry VIII - if necessary prompted by slide 2 of the KQI PPt. Police line-up — described in outstanding lesson in full in Tudor section of website	KQI including PowerPoint I Would the real Henry VIII please stand up? All resources to be found in the Outstanding lesson Copies of images and laminated roll-out timeline	
	important time			



Portraits of
Elizabeth I:
Why do Elizabeth
Ist portraits
mysteriously start
showing her
looking younger
towards the end
of her reign?

*Pupils learn that Elizabeth controlled her portraits in the last two decades of her life and can give reasons for this beyond vanity
*They realise she needed to be seen to be strong after the execution of Mary
Queen of Scots and Spanish Armada, especially as she

was now old, unmarried

and had no heirs or prospect of them.

Pupils are given 5 images of Elizabeth for them to sequence in terms of how old she was in each (they put sticky note with age on each). When Ppt reveals real answer pupils are confused esp. by Elizabeth's apparent youth in the Ditchley portrait when she was in fact 59. Teacher explains why (see notes in outstanding lesson in Tudor section).

Described in full in the outstanding lesson in the Tudor section of the website

KQ2 including Powerpoint
Portraits of Elizabeth: things are
not what they seem exists in the
Tudor section of the site

Hinge question. Why did this painter end up in prison but this one didn't?

Assessment task with examples of pupils' work https://www.keystagehistory.co.uk/images/A2-2i2.pdf

Why is it so difficult to work out what Victorian factory conditions were really like?

*Pupils will learn the main dangers facing child labour in Victorian factories.

They will grasp that during the 1830s onwards improvements were made in factory conditions

*Pupils realise that images are all created for a purpose

*They can speculate as to possible purpose by looking carefully at 'internal clues' in the pictures.

*They understand that we can only understand the

Before this lesson pupils will need some context of where and when factories were built and what they were designed to achieve. Pupils should learn about improvements to factory conditions through the Factory Acts but also be aware of their limitations too

In this lesson, pupils are shown 3 images of factory conditions from early/mid Victorian times. They are asked which factory they think they would prefer to work in i.e. which looks less oppressive. They choose the one shown top left which is in fact the earliest image. This is a puzzle as they have learned that laws were passed to improve factory conditions. So if things were improving in factories, why do these pictures seem to

KQ3 including PowerPoint
Lesson is fully described and
resourced here

	purpose behind the image	make it appear to be getting worse? The		
	when we know enough	answer lies in the provenance. Pupils are		
	about the author and their	asked why the earliest picture slide 7		
	motives.	might make it seem better than it was.		
		Clue idea of an advert and use of the		
		word progress. Show slide 8 which tells		
		background to the author Baines. Then		
		look at picture 9. Pupils suggest reasons		
		why a novel might not be accurate/make		
		things seems worse. Slide 10-11 confirms		
		that Frances Trollope was influenced by		
		factory reformers.		
		Now focus on slide 12. Ask pupils to		
		work out the message and then speculate		
		What would the author be trying to		
		achieve? Slide 13 confirms.		
		Finally ask pupils to look at all three		
		images. Do they notice anything odd?		
		Look at the windows in particular. Yes,		
		they are the same. The children might		
		write The authors of picturesand		
		merely copied and added their own		
		detail to suit their purposes.		
Why do we	*Pupils are able to select	The lesson focuses on just one painting	KQ4 including PowerPoint	Annotations
_	images from the painting	called Work. It's a deceptively simple	There is a full outstanding lesson	
need to be	that they feel have been	subject, men mending a broken water	to accompany this.	Pupils select right answer
careful when	included for a specific	mains pipe in a London street but it is		using Who Wants to Be a
carcial when	reason.	packed with fascinating detail.	RSI	Millionaire options on slide 9
using paintings	WD 11 1		http://www.manchestergalleries.	and then create an expert
to find out	*Pupils see how the	Pupils work in pairs to find as many	org/ford-madox-brown/	caption for the picture,
to illia out	meaning of an image	people as possible in the image. The		starting This was painted by
about	changes immediately you	target is 20. They then investigate the	PS2 Polo condo for popula in	Ford Madox Ford. To start
	ask who produced it	image RSI enlarged to A3 to find as many different characters as they can. As they	RS2 Role cards for people in the painting.	with it looks like but the real
Victorian life?		volunteer an answer, they are given the	uie painung.	meaning behind it is
		volunteer an answer, they are given the		



	*They learn to look for	persona of the person they have spotted	RS3 Briefing notes for hot	
	possible deeper meaning	and are given a card with details about	seating of artist Ford Madox	
	knowing that people	the person (RS2 provides 20 so there	Brown	
	produce images for	should be good choice). I suggest pupils		
	different purposes. Here it	work in pairs on one character between		
	is to glorify the work of a	them. They create a mime of what the		
	hard-working navvy not to	person is doing and the rest of the class		
	show what streets looked	has to guess what they are doing. Now to		
	like	the more important part. Why were they		
		included? What was the main message		
	*They are able devise	behind the picture?		
	historically valid questions	Looking for deeper meaning, pupils ask		
	to fire at artist	questions of you as teacher-in-role as Ford		
		Madox Brown the artist using information		
		from the Manchester galleries website; his		
		image never happened in real life. He is		
		manipulating the way he wants us to think		
		about Victorian life, elevating the tole of		
		the working man.		
Were the	*Pupils pick out the key	Pupils look for what 4 photos of evacuees	KQ5 including PowerPoint.	
	ideas from an animated	have in common - all smiling (slide 2).	Outstanding lesson	
evacuees as	website	They are then shown 2 other examples		
happy as they	*Th	(slide 3). All seem to show them smiling.		
	*They are able to adjust	Slide 4 then shows a government-		
were shown?	their thinking about	produced photo of happy evacuees in the	You will find the 2 other KSH	
	evacuation in the light of a wider evidence base	bath. Pupils are asked why the happy		
	wider evidence base	photos were printed when we know	lessons on evacuation helpful	
	*They can explain why	many evacuees were unhappy. Pupils should get the idea that the target	here if you have the time.	
	government produced	audience for the photo was the mums at	https://www.keystagehistory.co.	
	images were so positive	home and that this was a good use of	uk/keystage-2/evacuation-	
	inages were so positive	propaganda to keep up morale and stop	enquiry-links-with-numeracy-2/	
		mums bringing their children backed into	enqui y-illiks-wiui-numeracy-zi	
		the towns and cities.		
		the towns and titles.		



	*Pupils use terms like		https://www.keystagehistory.co.	
	morale and censorship with	Pupils then try to explain what	uk/free-samples/extending-the-	
	confidence	propaganda is and attempt their own	bbc-website-on-eric-the-	
		definition.	evacuee/	
	*They can evaluate a			
	website	Pupils then look at other government		
		propaganda - this time posters produced		
		at the time encouraging people to take in		
		evacuees. They then look at image 5		
		which was rejected, i.e. not used as		
		propaganda. Can pupils work out what		
		was wrong with it? More positively can		Annotations around slide 6
		they think pf reasons why slide 6 was		to show how the more
		preferred. They have to annotate the		positive image was created
		positive features.		,
•	*Pupils are able to explain	Pupils are shown an iconic photograph of	KQ6 including PowerPoint	
6	what we mean by	the Blitz from October 1940 and are	The KQ6 outstanding lesson has	
Did people	propaganda, iconic	asked to describe what they can see.	all the resources	Pupils write an answer to
believe all the	censorship, and staged.	They are then asked if they believed what		the question
believe all the	, g	they see? How could there possibly be		Why was Fred Morley
propaganda	*They can analyse	another meaning? Why might it not be		able to get his
	photographs or newsreel	the complete truth? In fact, the photograph was staged. The		photographs of the Blitz
during the	films from the early 1940s	image of the milkman bravely making his		past the censors?
Blitz?	to spot signs of propaganda	way through the bombed-out houses,		pase the censors.
DIICZ:	to spec signs of propagation	stepping over the rubble to ensure the		
DI	*They can explain why	milk gets delivered as usual is in fact a	Also worth looking at Smart	
Photographer Fred's	propaganda was so	fake. The milkman is none other than the	task	
	important in wartime	cameraman's assistant!! The filmmakers wanted to show that life	https://www.keystagehistory.co.	
clever way of beating	po. cane in war cine	continued as normal, with the mess being	uk/keystage-2/smart-task-y6-	
	*They can explain what we	cleared up but no dead bodies etc. But	pupils-play-film-detectives-to-	
the censors	mean by fake news.	what about the censors?	learn-about-government-	
	mean by take news.	To get the bomb damage past the	propaganda-2/	
		censors the photographer had to show	pi opaganua-zi	
		that life was carrying on as usual. How		



*They can explain why the photograph was so important and believed, even though it was later found to be faked	did Fred Morley manage when other photographers such as that of the image shown in slide 8 failed?	