

# Grammarsaurus History Skills Progression



## Concepts

Society and Community

Exploration and Invasion

Power

Conflict and Disaster

## Secondary Concepts

Chronology

Evidence and Interpretation

Cause and Consequence

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Similarity and Difference

Historical Significance

## Curriculum Aims

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2. Know and understand significant aspects of the history of the wider world: the nature of ancient civilisations; the expansion and dissolution of empires; characteristic features of past non-European societies; achievements and follies of mankind
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5. Understand the methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to make historical claims, and discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed
6. Gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts, understanding the connections between local, regional, national and international history; between cultural, economic, military, political, religious and social history; and between short- and long-term timescales.

## Skills Progression

### EYFS

#### Understanding the world

- Talk about the lives of people around them and their role in society.
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## Y1/Y2 A

**Toys**  
(Changes within living memory)

How have children's toys changed since our older relatives were little?

**Kings, Queens and Castles**  
(Significant individuals and local places)

Where did Kings and Queens live through time?

**The Great Fire of London**  
(Events beyond living memory)

How did the Great Fire change London?

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<p>I can label timelines with words such as: past, present, older and newer.</p> <p>I can recount changes that have occurred in my own life.</p>	<p>I can look at sources and ask "What was it like for people?"</p> <p>"What happened?"</p> <p>"What was this used for?"</p> <p>"How long ago?"</p>	<p>I can discuss causes that lead to toys changing.</p>	<p>I can say which toys have stayed the same and which toys have changed overtime.</p>	<p>I can compare toys using pictures from the past and present.</p>	<p>I can name a significant toy from the past.</p>
<p>I can place events and some artefacts on a timeline.</p>	<p>I can observe or handle some evidence to ask questions about the past.</p>	<p>I can begin to explain why monarchs built castles and what the consequences of these actions were.</p>	<p>I can describe changes and historical events.</p>	<p>I can compare the similarities and differences between different castles.</p>	<p>I can begin to talk about key events of a significant king/queen or castle.</p>
<p>I can place events, artefacts and historical figures on a timeline.</p> <p>I can use dates where appropriate.</p>	<p>I can observe or handle evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past.</p> <p>I can begin to explain why evidence can be trusted (such as Samuel Pepys Diary).</p>	<p>I can explain the causes of the Great Fire of London and what the consequences were.</p>	<p>I can describe what changed after the Great Fire of London and how these changes have continued through to the 21st century.</p>	<p>I can use artefacts and diary entries to compare similarities and differences.</p> <p>I can identify some of the different ways the past has been represented.</p>	<p>I can describe significant people from the past and explain why they are important.</p> <p>I can name a monarch.</p>

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## Y3/Y4 A

**Stone Age to Iron Age**  
(Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age)

How did daily life change in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?

**Ancient Egypt**  
(The achievements of the earliest civilisations)

What were the greatest achievements of the Ancient Egypt?

Chronology	Evidence and Interpretation	Cause and Consequence	Change and Continuity	Similarity and Difference	Historical Significance
<p>I can place ages in order of time and understand the meaning of their names.</p> <p>I can place artefacts within their correct age.</p> <p>I can use BCE.</p>	<p>I can suggest suitable sources for historical enquiry.</p> <p>I can begin to discuss the reliability of sources.</p> <p>I can explain how we find prehistoric evidence.</p>	<p>I can suggest and evaluate causes and consequences of the main events within prehistory such as agriculture, mining and migration, and use evidence to support my answers.</p>	<p>I can explain the concept of change over a long period of history, and represent this with evidence.</p>	<p>I can describe similarities and differences between the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.</p>	<p>I can suggest suitable sources of evidence to find out about significant people/events and explain the impact they had on society, using evidence to prove my discussion.</p>
<p>I can place events, artefacts and historical figure on a timeline using dates.</p> <p>I can use BCE and CE.</p>	<p>I can suggest more than one suitable source for historical enquiry.</p> <p>I can begin to discuss the reliability of sources.</p>	<p>I can suggest and evaluate causes and consequences of some of the main events within Ancient Egypt, and use evidence to support my answers.</p>	<p>I can explain the concept of change over a long period of history and represent this with evidence.</p>	<p>I can compare the similarities and differences between the new and old kingdoms of Ancient Egypt, and use evidence in my answer.</p>	<p>I can suggest suitable sources of evidence for historical enquiries. I can discuss the importance of people and events in time and the significant impact they had on British archaeological thought.</p>

## Y5/Y6 A

**Anglo-Saxons and Vikings**  
(Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Vikings)

How did England change during the settlement of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings?

**Ancient Maya**  
(A non-European study that provides contrast with British history)

What similarities and differences are there between the Maya civilisation and England from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> century?

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<p>I can use dates accurately in describing events and people.</p> <p>I can describe the main changes in a period of history. (using terms such as: social, religious, political, technological and cultural).</p>	<p>I can use sources of evidence to deduce information about the Saxons and Vikings.</p> <p>I can explain that no single source of evidence gives the full answer to questions about the past.</p>	<p>I can describe causes of invasion in Britain and what the consequences were, and use multiple sources of evidence to support my answers.</p>	<p>I can identify periods of rapid change in history and contrast them with times of relatively little change.</p> <p>I can explain what changed and what continued over time when the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings settled in Britain.</p>	<p>I can use appropriate vocabulary to compare similarities and differences between Anglo-Saxon and Viking culture, and the present day.</p>	<p>I can describe the social, ethnic, cultural or religious diversity of past society.</p>
<p>I can use dates and terms accurately in describing events and people.</p>	<p>I can analyse a wide range of evidence in order to justify claims about the past.</p> <p>I can explain that no single source of evidence gives the full answer to questions about the past.</p> <p>I can use sources of information to form testable hypotheses about the past.</p>	<p>I can describe causes of events and their consequences in Ancient Maya, and use multiple sources of evidence to support my answers.</p>	<p>I can identify periods of rapid change in history and contrast them with times of relatively little change.</p> <p>I can explain the concepts of continuity and change over time.</p> <p>I can analyse why these changes happened using terms such as: social, religious, political, cultural and technological.</p>	<p>I can use appropriate vocabulary to compare the similarities and differences between civilisations and cultures.</p>	<p>I can describe the social and cultural significance of a past society.</p> <p>I can describe the characteristic features of the past, including ideas and beliefs, attitudes and experiences of men, women and children.</p>

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**Y1/Y2 B**

**Technology**  
(Changes within living memory)

How has technology changed over the last 60 years?

**Famous Explorers**  
(Significant individuals and events)

Where have humans explored?

**Hospitals and healthcare**  
(Significant individuals and local individuals)

How did Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell help to improve hospitals?

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I can place events and artefacts on a timeline.	I can observe or handle some evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions.	I can explain some reasons why certain technology was manufactured.	I can describe how technology has changed and how it has continued over time.	I can use pictures and film footage to find out about technology in the past compared to now.	I can describe and begin to talk about key events of a significant person/time.
I can place explorative events on a timeline.	I can use evidence of explorers lives to ask questions about the past.	I can discuss the causes of exploring and what we found out from exploration.	I can describe changes over a period of time.	I can use pictures and stories to find out about the past and compare different explorations.	I can name significant explorers from the past.
I can place events, artefacts and people on a timeline.  I can begin to use some dates where appropriate.	I can observe or handle evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past.	I can recognise that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did and what the consequences of these actions were.		I can use pictures, stories and film footage to find out about the past.  I can identify some of the different ways the past has been represented.	I can describe significant people and events from the past and explain why they are important.

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## Y3/Y4 B

### Ancient Greece

(A study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the world)

What were the greatest achievements of the Ancient Greeks?



### The Romans

(The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain)

How did the Roman Empire impact Britain?



## Y5/Y6 B

### Crime and Punishment

(Post 1066 Study)

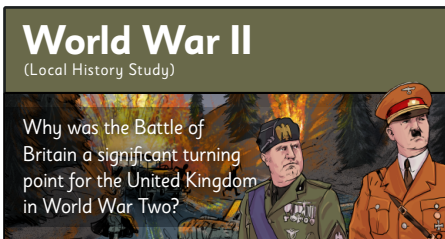
How has crime and punishment changed over time in Britain?



### World War II

(Local History Study)

Why was the Battle of Britain a significant turning point for the United Kingdom in World War Two?



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<p>I can place events, artefacts and historical figures on a timeline using dates.</p> <p>I can use BCE and CE.</p>	<p>I can observe evidence to ask about the past and come to conclusions based on what I have seen.</p>	<p>I can suggest causes and consequences of some of the main events and changes in Greece.</p>	<p>I can begin to explain the concept of change over time.</p>	<p>I can begin to describe some of the social, ethnic, cultural and religious diversity of the past.</p>	<p>I can suggest suitable sources of evidence to find out about and discuss the importance of people and events in time.</p>
<p>I can place events, artefacts and historical figures on a timeline.</p> <p>I can use BCE and CE.</p>	<p>I can suggest suitable sources of evidence for historical enquiries.</p> <p>I can use more than one source of evidence for historical enquiry in order to gain a more accurate understanding of history.</p>	<p>I can suggest the causes and consequences of some of the main events and changes in Britain when the Romans invaded.</p>	<p>I can begin to explain the concept of change over time, when the Romans arrived in Britain</p>	<p>I can begin to describe the social, ethnic, cultural and religious diversity of the past.</p> <p>I can begin to describe different accounts of a historical event, explaining some of the reasons why the account may differ (Boudicca).</p>	<p>I can suggest suitable sources of evidence to find out about and can discuss the importance of people and events in time.</p>

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<p>I can use dates and terms when describing events.</p> <p>I can describe the main changes in a period of history.</p>	<p>I can refine lines of enquiry as appropriate.</p> <p>I can use sources of evidence to deduce information about the past.</p>	<p>I can describe the social causes of crime and punishment.</p> <p>I can describe the consequences of crimes, and use evidence to support my answers.</p>	<p>I can identify changes in crime and punishment.</p> <p>I can use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate change and continuity.</p>	<p>I can compare similarities and differences in crime and punishments over time.</p> <p>I can compare the main changes in a period of history with the present day.</p>	<p>I can describe the characteristic features of the past, including ideas and beliefs.</p> <p>I can describe the social and cultural significance of a past society.</p>
<p>I can use dates and terms when describing events.</p>	<p>I can use sources of information to form conclusions about the past.</p> <p>I can discuss whether the evidence is reliable and explain why.</p>	<p>I can describe some of the causes and consequences of World War 2, and use evidence to support my answers.</p>	<p>I can identify periods of rapid change in history.</p>	<p>I can compare and contrast key people/events/ artefacts in history.</p>	<p>I can describe key features of the past, including ideas and beliefs.</p>