Start

Year 8 History Learning Journey 2026-27

1.Was Pre-Colonial Africa more advanced than we have been led to believe?	2.Why did the Transatlantic Slave trade rise and fall?	3.How did India change during different empires?	4.Why did World War I break out in 1914?	5.Why is World War I significant?	6.Why did extremist ideologies rise in the 1930s?

Lessons





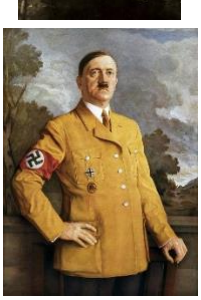



- ☐ Are the British really African?
- ☐ Is the history of Africa really 'irrelevant'?
- ☐ How did Mansa Musa impact Mali?
- ☐ What was the Benin Empire like?
- ☐ How did the Transatlantic Slave Trade begin?
- ☐ What was life like on the plantations?
- ☐ How and why did enslaved people show resistance?
- ☐ Why was slavery abolished in the British Empire?
- ☐ What is the legacy of slavery today?
- ☐ Should Britain apologise for her Empire?
- ☐ What was life like in Mughal India?
- ☐ How did Maharaja Ranjit Singh help the rise of the Sikh Empire?
- ☐ Why was the East India Company significant?
- ☐ How did India gain independence?
- ☐ What is the legacy of Partition?
- ☐ How did Alliances and Militarism cause WWI?
- ☐ How did Imperialism and Nationalism cause WWI?
- ☐ How did the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand cause WWI?
- ☐ Why didn't the Battle of the Somme go to plan?
- ☐ What made WWI a world war?
- ☐ What was life like for British women before they got the vote?
- ☐ Why did the Suffragettes get the vote?
- ☐ Was the Treaty of Versailles about peace or punishment?
- ☐ What was the world like in the 1930s?
- ☐ What is an ideology?
- ☐ What was life like in Germany after WWI?
- ☐ Why did Hitler rise to power?
- ☐ How did ordinary people and the youth experience Nazi Germany?
- ☐ How did propaganda help spread extremist ideologies?
- ☐ How did China become a Communist superpower?











Year 9

Assessment Tracker

Term	Date of Assessment	Assessment title	Level	Date of GPOP
Autumn 1				
Autumn 2				
Spring 1				
Spring 2				
Summer 1				
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