Skills being tested

The Year 8 assessments test students' ability to both recall their knowledge of the topics they have studied but also to develop their use of sources and extended writing skills.

The following Assessment Objectives will be assessed:

AO2: Causation & Chronology

AO3: Historical Enquiry

AO4: Interpretation

The structure of the assessment

There are 2 sections to the assessment, and students should complete all of them. The total is out of 50 marks.

Section 1 - Medieval England - 20 marks

- Skills assessed will be AO2 & AO4.
- In question 1 you will need to use the source content to explain the differences between the two sources. You will be expected to write one paragraph.
- In question 2 you will need to use the source provenance to explain why the two sources are different. You will be expected to write one paragraph.
- In question 3 you will be expected to identify and describe two changes. You will be expected to write one paragraph.
- In question 4 you will explain two reasons why a particular event happened using your own knowledge. You will be expected to write two paragraphs.

Section 2 - English Reformation - 30 marks

- Skills assessed will be AO2 & AO3
- In question 5 you will need to use the source and your own knowledge to explain why the source supports a particular point of view. You will be expected to write one paragraph.
- In question 6 you need to explain why the two sources are useful to historians studying this topic. You will do this by discussing the Content and Provenance of the sources backed up by your own knowledge. You will be expected to write three paragraphs.
- In question 7 you will explain two reasons why a particular event happened using your own knowledge. You will be expected to write two paragraphs.
- In question 8 you are given one reason why an event happened. You need to explain how this reason led to that event and identify at least one other reason why you think it happened. You must then decide whether you agree or disagree. You will be expected to write three paragraphs.

What to revise

Medieval England - Battle of Hastings, village life and medieval religion

Elizabethan England - Religious changes under Elizabeth and Spanish Armada.

English Civil War - Issues in Charles I reign that led to the outbreak of Civil War

All of the resources that you need are in your Google Classroom account for your History class. Here you can find all of the presentations and resources from every lesson you have had this year.