History Learning Journey KS3

History topics are taught via a series of short, focussed enquiry questions, designed to retain focus and our scholars' attention over 5 or 6 weeks. They are conceptually based around 'Big Questions'.

Year 9



Enquiry One:
How far would
we recognise life
in Leicester by
1914?



Enquiry Two:
How far did
women's rights
progress in the
early C20th?



Enquiry Three:
What made
World War One
the First
World's War?



Enquiry Four:
Was World
War II Leicester's
'finest hour'?



Enquiry Five:
How and why
did the Holocaust
happen?





Enquiry One:
Is Professor
David Starkey
right that Henry
VIII 'stands in
the middle of
English history'?



Enquiry Two:
Was CS Lewis
right to describe
Elizabethan England
as a 'Golden Age'?



Enquiry Three:
How did the
English Civil War
leave its mark on
Leicester?



Enquiry Four:
With what
evidence can we
challenge Hugh
Trevor-Roper's assertion
that "Africa had no history
prior to European



Enquiry Five:

What can we learn

from "the painful part of history"

Year 7



Enquiry One:
Were England's
"Dark Ages"
really that dark?



Enquiry Two:
To what extent do
we agree with
Simon Schama that
the Normans brought
a 'truckload of trouble'
to England in 1066?



Enquiry Three:
Is John D Clare
right to perpetuate the
belief that Medieval Life was
"nasty, brutal and short"?



exploration and

colonisation"?

Enquiry Five:
Why was a Medieval king buried under a Leicester Car Park?

Enquiry Four:
How absolute was
English Medieval Monarchy?



Our history curriculum is underpinned by four questions which we return to regularly:







