History Year 8 Assignment

Task
To complete a research project into a significant event in history.
To understand Civil War

What makes an event significant?

Definition:
- Significance is the meaning of a major event or change in the past
- e.g. defeating the Nazis in the Battle of Britain was significant because it was Hitler’s first defeat of WWII.

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<td>Research skills</td>
<td>To find information using the internet.</td>
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<td>Chronology skills</td>
<td>To make a timeline of your chosen topic. Even better make a timeline for the whole century in which the Civil War took place.</td>
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<td>Numeracy skills</td>
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| Literacy skills ii     | Write formally, including:  
  **An interesting introduction**, this should be a clear indication of your position in relation to the topic.  
  **Your first argument**, with supporting evidence.  
  **Your second argument**, with supporting evidence, and so on.  
  **A conclusion**, in which you repeat for your reader the key message(s) of your report. |
### Instructions

- Research **one** of the following topics and create your own timeline (with drawings or pictures is a bonus):
  - The American Civil War
  - The English Civil War
  - The Spanish Civil War
  - Use [https://www.kiddle.co/](https://www.kiddle.co/) or search for your own resources online

- Make notes to answer the following (look for any graphs or data that might come in handy to back up your argument):
  - When was it?
  - Who were the two sides?
  - Who were the leaders?
  - Did any other countries get/become involved?
  - Where were the major conflicts?
  - What was the cause?
  - How long did it last?
  - Who won?
  - Why did they win?
  - What happened after?

- Consider the following statements:
  - “The Civil War changed **nothing** about America / England / Spain”
  - “The Civil War changed **everything** about America / England / Spain”

  - Which statement is closer to the truth in your judgement?
  - What evidence did you select to make your judgement?

- Now answer the question “Why was the American / English / Spanish Civil War **significant**?”

  - Organise your writing clearly into sentences.
  - Use full stops and capital letters accurately.
  - Use key words.

### Notes

Answering these questions ensure you look at the causes / events and consequences of the event.

- Anything that was different about life during or after the event is proof that it changed the country in some way (maybe temporarily, or maybe even forever).

  - Think about what it SHOWS us about that specific time and the people involved as well as what it teaches us about Civil Wars generally.

  - To help you decide you can use the GREAT acronym (below)

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<td><strong>ROUNDBREAKING AND STUNNING CHANGE</strong>&lt;br&gt;Changes in technology such as new weapons and tactics. Could also be new life experiences, roles, responsibilities and jobs….</td>
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