

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.

Skills to be developed	How
Research skills	To find information using the internet.
Chronology skills	To make a timeline of your chosen topic. Even better make a timeline for the whole century in which the Civil War took place.
Numeracy skills	To include some statistics about the topic if possible.
Literacy skills i	Use some / all of these keywords: significant, important, event, change, progress.
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	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research <u>one</u> of the following topics and create your own timeline (with drawings or pictures is a bonus): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The American Civil War ▪ The English Civil War ▪ The Spanish Civil War ▪ Use 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): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The Civil War changed <u>nothing</u> about America / England / Spain” “The Civil War changed <u>everything</u> about America / England / Spain” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 <u>significant</u>?” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise your writing clearly into sentences. • Use full stops and capital letters accurately. • Use key words. <p>Answering these questions ensure you look at the causes / events and consequences of the event.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To help you decide you can use the GREAT acronym (below)</p>
<p>Teacher comment</p>	<p>Student comment</p>

G	ROUNDBREAKING AND STUNNING CHANGE <i>Changes in technology such as new weapons and tactics. Could also be new life experiences, roles, responsibilities and jobs....</i>
R	EMEMBERED BY ALL <i>(An event which is nationally remembered, maybe even studied by schools, appears in stories/films)</i>
E	VENTS THAT WERE FAR REACHING <i>(An event which touched the whole globe, or at least, a large part of it)</i>
A	FFECTING THE FUTURE <i>(An event which had as much affect on people after it had finished as at the time on their lives and on society as a whole)</i>
T	ERRIFYING <i>(An event remembered because it is so dreadful and it is so large and scary it is hard to even imagine)</i>

