

Key Stage Three History at Goldington Academy: A chronological course

Year 8 - The rise and fall of Empire	
Big Question 11: A great time to be alive? The British people and the Industrial Revolution	WHAT was the Industrial Revolution and WHY did it happen?
	What was it like to work in some of Britain's early factories?
	What were conditions like in the coal mines?
	Why was the iron industry so important?
	Who were some of the significant social reformers?
	Who had the biggest impact on the industrial revolution? (1)
	Who had the biggest impact on the industrial revolution? (2)
	What made Sheffield (an industrial town) stink? (1)
	What made Sheffield (an industrial town) stink? (2)
	Why was disease so common in industrial towns?
	Did Britain have talent? Who were some of the heroes of public health? (1)
	Did Britain have talent? Who were some of the heroes of public health? (2)
	How did Jack the Ripper's actions contribute to social reform in the Industrial era?
	<i>End of unit assessment</i>
Big Question 12: Should we be proud of Britain in the period 1745- 1901?	How did the idea of 'advancement' (progress/moving forward) lead to the unfair treatment of different groups of humans?
	WHY and HOW did Britain gain an empire?
	Was the British takeover of India a good or a bad thing? (1)
	Was the British takeover of India a good or a bad thing? (2)
	Why was Britain involved in the slave trade, and how did the trade work?

	What does the evidence show about life as a slave? (1)
	What does the evidence show about life as a slave? (2)
	Why and when was slavery abolished?
	<i>End of unit assessment</i>
Big Question 13: Why do we remember the First World War?	Did Emily Davison choose to die?
	What were the long-term and short-term causes of the Great War?
	How did the government use propaganda to attract more volunteers?
	Where have Britain's soldiers been recruited from?
	What were the main features of trench warfare?
	Is Haig to blame for so many lives lost at the Battle of the Somme?
	Was it right to shoot Harry Farr?
	How did the war affect life in Britain?
	How did countries try to avoid another war?
	<i>End of unit assessment</i>
Big Question 14 - How did Russia progress from the plough to the atomic bomb in fifty years?	What was Russia like at the turn of the 20 th century?
	How and why do interpretations differ? (1)
	How and why do interpretations differ? (2)
	How did Lenin govern Russia?
	To what extent (how far) did Stalin transform Russia into a global superpower?