

What is History?

AIM – To find out why History is important!

A.O.D. – COMMUNICATION



ALL – of you will have an idea of what History is!

MOST – of you will contribute to a class discussion on History and develop your communication skills. (T2)

SOME – of you will have a good understanding of why many people want History to be taught in schools. (T2)

TASK 1 – Getting Organised

Before we do anything else we need to get organised!

Below is a list of instructions your teacher is likely to follow so you can get started with learning History!

Tick each instruction off after you've followed it

Instruction	Done ✓
1. Your teacher will tell you where to sit. Next they'll make a register. Answer your name when it is called.	
2. Your teacher will give you some materials. Write your name on the front of this work-pack. It will be your text-book for this unit.	
3. Your teacher will give you a new History note-book. Write your name your class and your teacher's name on the front of it.	
4. Your teacher will give you an assessment folder. Write your name and class on the front of it.	
5. Your teacher will give you some sheets like a key-words list, a marking guide and an assessment grid to stick into your note-book. Stick these in.	
6. Your teacher will explain to you how each lesson will be conducted. Write the title and A.O.D. for today's lesson into your note-book.	

TASK 2 – Communicating what you know!

Some of you will have studied History before.

As a class, discuss answers to the following questions;

- 1. Which events, people or places from the past have you learnt about?**
(You could create a spider diagram showing some of the interesting things you and your class-mates have learnt about).
- 2. Why do you think your teachers thought it was important that you study History?**
- 3. Why is History considered important?** (Note down some suggestions you or your class-mates come up with in answer to this question or neatly copy out the sentences in the box below).

FIRSTLY – History teaches us about other people and about ourselves!

SECONDLY – By studying History we can develop knowledge and useful abilities that will help us in later life!

THIRDLY – It can be fun and interesting!

TASK 3 – Communicating

If you've time, work as a group to complete a list of class rules with your teacher.