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Overview	Year 7 delivers a knowledge-rich foundation by pairing core topics with an introduction to disciplinary skills. Students first study the Romans with a focus on the change from tribal Britain to how the Romans changed Britain. Next students compare the Islamic Golden Age with Medieval England to identify global similarities and differences. They then study Norman control and introduce the concepts of change and continuity in English society. African Kingdoms develop their source analysis skills. Finally, students investigate the Black Death to weigh the significant impact of this turning point.

Term	Focus	Assesment
Autumn 1	**How did the Romans change Britain?** 1. What is History? 2. Who were the Romans? 3. How did the Romans invade Britain? 4. How did the Romans change Britain - physically? 5. How did the Romans change Britain - politically? 6. How did the Romans change Britain - religiously? 7. Assessment Prep 8. Assessment 9. Assessment Feedback	18 marks: Short answer questions 12 mark: Explain how the Romans changed Britain (12)
Autumn 2	How similar was Medieval A-S England to Bagdad? 1. Anglo-Saxon England 2. Medieval Baghdad 3. Trade and the silk road 4. House of Wisdom 5. Anglo-Saxon education 6. Law and society 7. Women 8. Assessment Prep	18 marks: short answer 3 x 4 mark similarity and difference question

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	9. Assessment 10. Assessment Feedback	
Spring 1	How did the Normans exercise control over England? 1) Who should be king in 1066? 2) Battle of Hastings and why did he win? 3) BofH narrative account 4) Williams problems 5)Feudal 6) Domesday 7) Castles 8) Harrying of the North or justice 8) Assessment Prep 9) Assessment 10) Assessment Feedback	14 marks: short answer questions 16 marks: HFDYA that the Feudal System was the main way that Normans exercised control over England? (16)
Spring 2	What do sources reveal about African Kingdoms? 1) Mansa Musa 2) Gold & Asante 3) Songhai Empire 4) Benin Bronzes 5) Health & Medicine in Egypt 6) Kushite Queens 7) Assessment Prep 8) Assessment 9) Assessment Feedback	22 marks: short answer questions 8 mark: source utility
Summer 1	What were the consequences of the Black Death? 1) What is the Black Death? (incl. symptoms) 2) Causes 3) Treatments	14 marks: short answer questions 16 marks: HFDYA that the political

	4) Social Consequences 5) Economic Consequences 6) Political Consequences 7) Assessment Prep 8) Assessment 9) Assessment Feedback	consequences of the Black Death were the most important?
Summer 2	Research project - TBC	

Home Learning

2 pieces per unit

- Seneca quiz ⅓ of the way through
- Assessment revision

Useful Resources

1. The Romans
Website: BBC Bitesize: Roman Britain – Short videos and interactive guides covering the transition from Celtic Britain to Roman rule.
Book: The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff – A classic historical novel that brings Roman Britain to life through the story of a young officer searching for a lost legion.

2. Islamic Golden Age
Website: 1001 Inventions – An award-winning platform exploring the scientific and cultural breakthroughs of the Islamic Golden Age.
Book: The House of Wisdom: How Arabic Science Saved Ancient Knowledge and Gave Us the Renaissance by Jim Al-Khalili – Accessible non-fiction that explains how Baghdad became the center of the world's knowledge.

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3. Norman Conquest
Website: The Bayeux Museum – Explore the digital version of the Bayeux Tapestry to see a primary source account of 1066.
Book: 1066: The Year of the Conquest by David Howarth – A readable account that captures the perspectives of the ordinary people living through the invasion.

4. African Kingdoms
Website: British Museum: African Kingdoms Timeline – An excellent interactive resource focusing on the wealth and power of kingdoms like Mali and Benin.
Book: Mansa Musa: The Richest Man in History by Khephra Burns – A vivid retelling of the life of the 14th-century ruler of Mali and his legendary pilgrimage to Mecca.

5. The Black Death
Website: DK Find Out! The Black Death – Clear diagrams and facts about the plague's spread and its massive impact on medieval society.
Book: The Black Death (Horrible Histories) by Terry Deary – Uses humor and "foul facts" to keep students engaged while providing a surprisingly accurate look at the social changes caused by the pandemic.