Post 16 Curriculum Map – Year 12 – Board OCR - Unit Y108 – The Early Stuarts and the Civil War

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| Big Questions | Small Questions | Teacher Feedback Points | Assessment |
| What sort of monarch was James I & VI? | * What were the strengths and weaknesses of James as monarch? * How far can evidence about James’s character be trusted? * How far was “Divine Right” a factor in James’s relationships with Parliament? | Task on Weldon source  SWOT analysis of James | 2019 essay on James and Divine Right |
| How far was James’s extravagance the reason for his financial problems? | * How can James’s extravagance be justified? * How far were problems the result of the inheritance from Elizabeth’s reign? * Were James’s Treasurers to blame for the financial problems? * Why was the Great Contract not successful? * How far were financial problems the cause of James’s issues with Parliament? | What were the issues inherited from Elizabeth?  Explain how 17th century monarchs raised money  Chart on James’s Treasurers and their policies  Summary of why Great Contract failed  Follow up to D9 activity on finance | 2018 essay on extravagance and financial problems  Sample paper essay on James’s financial problems |
| How far was James’s foreign policy a success? | * Why did James try to pursue a policy of peace? * How did Parliament react to peace with Spain in 1604? * Why did the outbreak of the 30 Years War put pressure on this policy? * Why was the Spanish Match a controversial policy? * How far did Foreign Policy determine events in Parliament in 1621 and 1624? | Summarise the issues facing James at the beginning of his reign  What options did James have from 1618 onwards, and what were the advantages / disadvantages? |  |
| How far were the Catholics a threat to James? | * Why did some Catholics turn to terrorism? * What were the consequences of the Gunpowder Plot? * How successful was James’s approach to Catholics? | Summarise the key beliefs of Catholics, Puritans and “Anglicans”  Summarise the causes and consequences of the GP  Was James successful in dealing with Catholics? | 2017 AS question on whether policy towards Catholics was a success  2016 AS question on whether religious divisions increased under James  2018 AS essay how successful was James at dealing with religion |
| How successfully did James deal with the Puritans? | * How successful was the Hampton Conference? * Why did Puritans object to elements of the Church of England? * How far had Arminianism developed by the end of James’s reign? * How successful was James’s approach to the church? | Summarise the issues Puritans had with the CofE  What different interpretations are there of the events of the HCC?  How far was Puritanism responsible for James’s problems with later Parliaments? | 2019 essay on James and Puritans  Source question style question on James and religion  2016 AS question on whether religious divisions increased under James |
| How do all these issues affect James’s relationships with Parliament? | * What were the issues in James’s first Parliament 1604-10? * How far did the failure of Union affect relationships with Parliament? * Why did the Addled Parliament of 1614 fail? * How did issues of foreign policy and finance impact upon the Parliaments of 1621 and 1624? | Summarise issues in James’s first parliament  How far was the failure of Union the key factor in his anger at parliament?  Explain the reasons for the failure of the Saddled Parliament?  Summarise the issues between James and his later Parliaments  Were the problems with parliament the fault of James or of Parliament?  What was the relationship between Parliamentary Privilege and Royal Prerogative? | 2017 essay on For Pol and Parliament |
| How far did Charles face problems from 1625-29? | * Why did Charles’s relationships with parliament deteriorate so quickly? * What was the significance of Tonnage and Poundage? * Why was Buckingham a controversial figure? | Tasks on Buckingham  Why did Britain end up at war with both France and Spain?  Explain why war went so badly  Why was T&P significant? | Charles problems 1625-29 strain of war essay |
| Why did Charles embark on Personal Rule? | * What happened in the Parliament of 1628/9? * Why was the Petition of Right significant? * How far was the beginning of the PR a result of the strain of war? | Why did the events of 1629 justify Charles adopting Personal Rule? | 2018 exam question on embarking on Personal Rule |
| How far were the financial policies of the Personal Rule a success? | * How did Charles raise money? * What was the significance of fiscal feudalism? * Was Ship Money a success? * Why did collection of Ship Money break down in the Bishops/ War? * Did the financial success of policies outweigh their political drawbacks? | Chart of financial policies success / failure  Was SM a success or a failure?  How have historians disagreed about SM? | Source question style question on Finance and the Personal Rule |
| Why was the policy of Arminianism significant? | * What were the key features of Arminianism? * Was it correct to see it as stalking horse for Catholicism? * Did Laud create a “Puritan movement”? * Why was Arminianism a key factor in the approach of Civil War? | Recap key features of Arminianism  Role of religion as cause of civil war – significance? |  |
| Why did the Personal Rule come to an end? | * How far was the failure of the Personal Rule a reaction to the policy of Thorough? * How successful were Wentworth and Laud as royal servants? * Why did Charles try to impose the English Prayer Book on Scotland? * Why did Charles lose the Bishops’ War? * Why did Charles have to call a Parliament in 1640? | “Two opinions” exercise on personal Rule and follow up  Tasks on events in Scotland / why the Scots won the Bishops’ Wars | Essay on why the Personal Rule came to an end (sample paper) |
| Why did support for the King grow between 1640 and 42? | * Why was there support for ending the policies of Personal Rule? * Why did Pym have to resort to an Act of Attainder to get Strafford executed? * Was the outbreak of the Civil War the consequence of multiple kingdoms? * Why was the Grand Remonstrance significant? * Why was the arrest of the 5 members significant? | Tasks on events 1640-42  Summary work on causes – follow up to D9 activity  Follow up to group exercise on individual motivation for Civil War  Watch Flames of War and comment on individual motivation | 2017 essay Charles responsible for outbreak of Civil War?  2017 AS essay religion and causes of civil war  AS essay 2018, aims of Charles opponents |
| Why did Parliament win the Civil War? | * Why did the King have an advantage at first? * Why did he fail to take advantage of this? * Why was there a stalemate 1643/44? * What was the significance of the role of the Irish / Scots? * Why was the New Model Army created? * How far was the creation of the New Model the key factor in Parliament’s victory? | SWOT analysis for King / royalists  Strengths / weaknesses of both sides  Role of NMA / why a turning point | AS 2016 Essay on why parliament won the Civil War |
| Why did it prove impossible to reach a settlement? | * What did Parliament want? * What did the Army want? * How far was the King responsible for the failure to reach a settlement? * Why was the Declaration of Dislike significant? * How were factions within the New Model significant? * What gave the King a better offer – the Newcastle Propositions or the Heads of the Proposals? | Tasks on role of army / scots / parliament / king  Comparison of peace proposals  Why did Parliament fall out with the Army? | 2017 source question Charles and failure to reach settlement |
| Why was the 2nd Civil War significant? | * Why did the new Model crush their opponents in the 2nd Civil War? * How did the 2nd CW change attitudes towards the King? | Events of 2CW  Impact of attitude of NMA |  |
| Why was the King put on trial and executed? | * Why was Pride’s Purge significant? * Was there an alternative to executing the King? * Was the execution popular? * Who “won” the trial? | Use video clips to analyse trial  What alternatives might the Army have had? | 2016 AS source question on trial adapted  2017 source question on execution |
| How serious a threat were radical groups to the political, social and religious establishment? | * Who were the Levellers, Quakers, Diggers, Ranters, 5th Monarchists and Muggletonians? * What were their religious and political views? * How far did they represent a serious threat? | Research / presentations on different groups |  |
| What did Cromwell do in Ireland? | * What happened at Drogheda and Wexford? * How far can the sources be relied upon? | Source analysis of events at Drogheda |  |
| Why was the Rump parliament a failure? | * What did the Rump achieve? * How did the Rump defeat its enemies? * Why did the Rump make little progress on reform? * Why did the Army lose patience with the Rump? * Why did Cromwell dissolve the Rump? | Chart on enemies of the Rump  Summary of achievements/ failures  Questions on end of Rump / debate about Cromwell’s motivation | 2019 source question on the Rump / Barebones |
| Why did Cromwell dismiss the Rump and replace it with Barebones? | * What impression is given by the term “Barebones Parliament” and why? * What did Barebones achieve? * Why did it dissolve itself? | Summary on nature of BP  Debate about why BP comes to an end | 2019 source question on the Rump / Barebones |
| What was the significance of the Instrument of Government? | * What was the role of Cromwell? * How were the ordinances passed in 1654 significant? * Did Cromwell fail to manage his Parliaments? | Was Cromwell no better at handling Parliament than Charles I?  Was Cromwell just out for power? | Source question from sample paper |
| Why were the Major Generals unpopular? | * How far was Royalist conspiracy a serious threat? * Did the MGs attempt to impose “Puritan” rule? * How far were elections to the 2nd Protectorate parliament a rejection of the MGs? | Summary of actions of MGs  Nature of 2nd Port Parl | 2018 AS source question on MGs, adapted |
| Why did Cromwell reject the offer of the Crown? | * Why was Cromwell offered the crown? * How was Nayler’s Case significant? * How significant was opposition from within the Army? * What was the “sin of Achan”? * How far does this illustrate tensions between civilian and army Cromwellians? | Summary of events of 2nd PP  Who was James Nayler and why was he significant?  Why did Cromwell turn down the opportunity to be King? | 2018 source question |
| Why was Richard Cromwell unable to hold on to power? | * Why did Richard not have the authority of his father? * Why did Richard lose control of the army? | What does this illustrate about Oliver?  Would anyone else have done better, or was the Protectorate doomed as soon as Oliver died? |  |
| Why was the monarchy restored in 1660? | * What happened in 1659/60? * Why was it difficult to create a stable regime? * What was the role of George Monck? * Why was the Declaration of Breda significant? | Timeline of events  Why could neither civilian nor military regimes create stability?  D9 activity on Restoration  When did Monck decide on the Restoration? | 2018 AS source question, adapted |