Curriculum Mapping History Department

Year 9 – Twentieth Century / USA 1945-75 [beginning of GCSE course]

Big Question	Small Questions	Homework	Teacher Feedback Points	Assessment
Why was there a stalemate on the Western Front? [extends into year 9]	 Why was the war not "over by Christmas"? What was the nature of trench warfare? What problems faced soldiers in the trenches (and why did they endure them)? Why was it difficult to attack on the Western Front? 	Source evaluation exercises Why did soldiers put up with the trenches (from Walsh)	Summary of problems / issues faced Source exercises on nature of trenches	Letter from the trenches "3 Sources" exercise on conditions on Western Front. Evaluation exercises
Was Douglas Haig the "Butcher of the Somme"?	 What happened on July 1st 1916? Why was the Somme a disaster? What impact did new weapons like tanks have on the Western Front? 	See tbf / assessment Exercises on Somme Watch War Walks as prep for assessment	Factual exercises on the Somme Interpretation of sources exercise as formative assessment towards summary assessment	Interpretation style essay source based on whether the bad reputation of British generals is deserved

	 Is "Lions led by Donkeys" a reasonable interpretation of the Western Front? Is Blackadder of any use as a historical source? 			
Why did Britain and the Allies win WW1?	 What happened in 1918? How significant was the involvement of the USA? How significant were changes to the way the British Army fought in 1918? 	Exercises on why war changed in 1918 / why allies won	Summary of reasons why Allies won	How far was "X" the reason why the Allies won?
Was the Treaty of Versailles fair on Germany?	 Who were the "Big Three"? Why did they have different attitudes towards Germany? Who would have been most pleased with the VT? What were the terms of the VT? 	Source questions on VT Aims of Big 3 / who would have been most satisfied Chart on why Germany would	Source / "message" questions Exercises on "Big 3" / which would have been most satisfied	Source based questions eg cartoons Interpretation questions eg "Was the VT fair?"

	 Were the Germans right to see it as unfair? 	have objected to VT		
How successful was the League of Nations?	 What were the weaknesses of the LofN? How significant was the fact that the USA did not join? Why was the League successful in the 1920s? How did the economic depression affect the work of the league? 	Strengths / weaknesses of League chart Summary of League's successes in non peace keeping activities Cartoon / message questions on League	Individual source / "message" questions Summary of reasons for League's weakness / which factor most important	"3 source" style / essay question on why the League failed
Why did the League fail to keep the peace in incidents like Manchuria?	 Who was responsible for the Manchuria railway incident? Why could the League not make Japan do as demanded? What does the Manchuria incident 	Assessment on South Manchuria railway incident – judgement on who was to blame See tbf / assessment	Interpretation exercise on whether Japan or China was to blame for Manchuria incident	"3 source" style / essay question on why the League failed

How was Germany affected by events from 1919 to 1923?	indicate about the League? Why was the Manchuria incident significant? Why did most people in Germany dislike the Versailles treaty? Why was the Weimar Republic unable to create stability? How did reparations impact upon the German economy? What was the impact of hyperinflation on Weimar Germany?	Exercises on hyperinflation Comprehension exercises on life of Hitler Exercises on how Hitler gained from MP Exercise on MP sources	Exercise on causes / consequences of Versailles / reparations Why was MP long term benefit to Hitler?	Source based exercise on reasons for problems in Weimar Germany
	impact of hyperinflation on			

Why did Adolf Hitler come to power in Germany?	 What was the impact of the Wall Street Crash on Germany? Why did the Depression expose the weaknesses of the Weimar Republic? Why did Nazism appeal to many people in Germany? How did the Nazis consolidate their power? What was the significance of the Reichstag Fire / Enabling Act / Night of Long Knives? 	Summary of why people voted for hitler Watch "Geordie Nazis" episode and use this to explain why Hitler gained support Summary exercise non steps to consolidation ie RF / EA / NofLK	Exercises on impact of Great Depression Notes on steps towards consolidation	Essay on why Hitler came to power – "Was X the most significant factor?" OR What was the most important factor in consolidation of power?
How did life in Nazi Germany change compared to the Weimar Republic?	 How did education change for young people in Nazi Germany? What impact did youth movements have on young people in Nazi Germany? 	Source based exercise on these topics Summary questions – How did life change for youth / women /	Exercises on changes in specific areas eg youth, women, Jews Source based exercises on above topics	3 source question / essays on life in ND – How did life change for youth / women / Jews? Essay on what factor was most significant

	 How did the role of women change in Nazi Germany? Why did the Nazis persecute the Jewish community? How was propaganda used to turn Germany against the Jews? What was the significance of the Nuremberg laws and Kristallnacht? How did the Nazis control Germany? 	Jews in Nazi Germany?		in Nazi control of Germany
How did Communism affect life in the USSR 1917- 1939?	 Why was Russia a difficult place to govern in 1905? Why was Bloody Sunday a significant event? How did Rasputin discredit the regime of the Tsar? How significant was WW1 in bringing down the Tsar? 	Explain why Reds came to power Explain why Reds won the Russian Civil War Source based exercises on eg 1905 / Rasputin	Source exercises on Rasputin / Bloody Sunday Chart on Reds vs Whites Source questions on collectivisation / 5YPs	Evaluation source questions Why did Reds win Russian Civil war?

Was Hitler to blame for World	 Why did the Bolsheviks win the Civil War in Russia? How significant were Stalin's changes to the USSR? What impact did Collectivisation / the 5 Year Plans have on the people of the USSR? Was the Versailles Treaty a cause of 	Stalin related tasks see tbf Chart of Foreign Policy	Recap exercises on role of VT / LofN	Essay on causes of WW2 in "Was X the
War Two?	 WW2? How far was the failure of the League of Nations significant as a cause of WW2? Did Hitler have a long term plan for WW2? How far did Hitler's foreign policy lead to WW2? Why did Britain not oppose Hitler until 1939? 	steps 1933-39 Explain why Britain opted for policy of appeasement	Interpretations of appeasement exercises – why did Britain opt for policy of appeasement / was it correct decision?	most significant factor?" format

Why did Britain survive in 1939/40? [Dunkirk / Battle of Britain]	 Why did the Germans dominate the early years of the war? Was Dunkirk a victory or a defeat? Why was the Battle of Britain significant? Why did the RAF win the Battle of Britain? 	Source based tasks on Dunkirk Significance tasks on Dunkirk / BofB	Tasks on significance of Dunkirk / Battle of Britain	3 source question on Dunkirk / BofB
What were the key global features of WW2?	 Why was the German invasion of the USSR significant? Why were the Germans defeated at Stalingrad? Why did the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor? Why did the Americans drop atomic bombs on the Japanese in 1945? 	Exercises based on one of these turning points Explain the significance of 3 source style questions on these areas Tasks form booklet on D- Day	Knowledge based tasks on Barbarossa / Stalingrad, Pearl Harbor / Hiroshima, D-Day / Normandy	What was most significant as a turning point? Source based questions

	 Why was D-Day a significant moment in WW2? 	Tasks explaining success of D- Day		
How did the war affect civilians at home in Britain?	 Why were children evacuated? What experiences did children have as evacuees? What was rationed and why? How were civilians affected by bombing? How did the war change the role of women? 	Work on "diary" Source based tasks on areas of HF Research / presentations on different areas of HF	Exercises on separate areas eg bombing / evacuation / rationing Source based tasks message / purpose	"Home Front diary" task
Why did the Holocaust take place?	 Why did the Nazis persecute the Jews? What were the key features of the Holocaust? How far were the German people aware of / supportive of the Holocaust? 	Was the holocaust supported by the German people?	Recap on previous work on Nazi anti- Semitism	