

Subject	Year 7	How to support students' learning
History	Autumn Term 2026	
How did power change and be challenged during in the Middle Ages?	Lesson 1: Why was there a crisis in 1066? LP 1- Identify key historical concepts. LP 2- Explain why there was a crisis in 1066 and who the claimants to the throne were. LP 3- Evaluate how useful primary sources are compared to a modern historian's interpretation. Lesson 2: How did William conquer England? LP 1- Identify the problems William faced after the Battle of Hastings. LP 2- Explain the methods used to gain control of England by William. LP 3- Evaluate the most effective method William used to gain control. Lesson 3: How important was God in the Medieval period? LP 1- Identify the role of the church in Medieval life. LP 2- Explain why the Church was extremely powerful during the Medieval period. LP 3- Evaluate the impact of Doom paintings on Medieval people.	• Talk about History at home around topics being studied and more generally. • Encourage students to ask their teachers for examples of further reading for the topics they are studying. • Visit historic sites/museums/online displays. • Historic sites and museums also have useful resources on their websites. • Watch historical documentaries and programmes together. • Research primary source material as this will help with understanding of content and how to make a judgement. • Read through the KS3 History Textbook to help summarise core content. • Read! It could be non-fiction, historical works, newspapers, or online material, but then ask them to assess it as a source using their skills. Students can also make use of the collection of books in both the school and department libraries. <u>Recommended Reading:</u> • Horrible Histories Smashing Saxons, Terry Deary • Horrible Histories Storming Normans, Terry Deary • Horrible Histories Measly Middle Ages, Terry Deary • So you think you've got it bad? A kid's life in a Medieval Castle, Chae Strathie • The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England, Ian Mortimer

Lesson 4: Why was there a Crusade to the 'Holy Land' in 1096-1099?

LP 1- Identify what the Crusades were.

LP 2- Explain why people went on Crusades.

LP 3- Evaluate the most important reason why people went on Crusades.

Lesson 5: Were the Middle Ages measly?

LP 1- Describe the sanitation and hygiene during the Medieval period.

LP 2- Explain what Medieval people believed caused the Black Death.

LP 3- Evaluate how measly the Middle Ages were.

Lesson 6: What were women's lives like in the 12th Century?

LP 1- Describe the role of women in the Medieval period.

LP 2- Explain the role of different powerful women in the Medieval period.

LP 3- Evaluate whether women had power in the Medieval period.

Lesson 7: How was the monarchy challenged in the Middle Ages?

LP 1- Describe the causes of the Peasant's Revolt.

LP 2- Explain the events of the Peasant's Revolt.

	LP 3- Evaluate how successful the revolt was in challenging the monarchy.	
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