

DPS History Department

Useful websites

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General

These websites all have resources on several topics. They are always worth looking at when doing any research, as they are likely to have something of value. Although it is always best to use more than one source of information, it is not necessary to go to all these sites – two or three will usually give all you need, including links to other sites.

www.bbc.co.uk/history This is an excellent site – loads of information and pictures, with many links to other pages on BBC and external sites. It is worth making this the first site you visit if looking for information – but some might be difficult to understand, as they are not written specifically for children. For easier pages, look in www.bbc.co.uk/education/

www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk This is an excellent site – always worth going to for research. It is easy to find information, either by clicking on topic headings, or by using the search facility

<http://learningcurve.pro.gov.uk/> This is the government's site and so it is directly linked to the National Curriculum

www.schoolshistory.org.uk This is an easy site to use, although the amount of information is rather limited. It does include some good quizzes etc, and links to other sites

www.schoolhistory.co.uk/index.html This site is created by a history teacher, and so is organised by topics taught, and written in a way that is easy to understand. It includes some fun quizzes and games.

www.britannia.com/history/ This is the modern version of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. It has much information, and look at the index of original documents – you can look at the Magna Carta, eyewitness accounts of Becket's murder etc

www.historylearningsite.co.uk/ This includes information listed under each Key Stage 3 or GCSE topic. It is very easy to navigate. There are questions included to check your understanding – it's a good idea to check you can answer these before you use the information.

www.historyonthenet.com/index.shtml This is a good site for finding basic information on a topic. It has a useful alphabetical index at www.historyonthenet.com/a-z_of_history.htm

www.historyworld.net This site has timelines on many topics, which are useful for getting an overview of a topic, and include excellent pictures you may want to use. The search facility is very good, so this site is ideal for research.

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/H/history/guides/index.html> This is an index to several sites, many of which cover topics from Key Stage 3 and GCSE.

www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/index.shtml This is an index of people who have a biography on the site, so is excellent if you want information on a particular person.

www.npg.org.uk/live/search/ This is the site of the National Portrait Gallery in London, which has pictures of thousands of significant British people. This link is to the search page, so you can enter the name of the person to see what pictures are available

www.thehistorychannel.co.uk/ This is better than the US site, as it is more relevant. Not a huge amount of information, but some good pictures and links to other sites.

www.royal.gov.uk/ This is the Queen's website! Follow the links to 'history of the monarchy' and you can find information and pictures of all kings and queens, with family trees etc. It is incredibly detailed, and is not aimed directly at children, so it might be difficult to understand. As always, remember to consider how a source is affected by the person who made it!

www.xrefer.com/search.jsp

This is an excellent site that searches on-line encyclopaedia and other reference works. It is especially good for research tasks and biographies

www.academic.brooklyn.cuny.edu/history/core/pics/ This is an American University site, that has a large database of pictures.

Form 1

Medieval Realms

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www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/index.shtml This is an a to z index of people who have a biography on the site, so is excellent if you want information on a particular person. It includes the kings studied in class, and others eg Becket

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/Year%207.htm> This page is an index of information on a large number of topics. Follow the links to find your area of interest

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/H/history/guide12/index.html> A very detailed site with timelines, biographies, important events etc. It covers all the topics studied, but I’m sure you will go straight to the section titled ‘sex and sleaze’, which is useful for our work on women in medieval times.

Medieval Life

www.learner.org/exhibits/middleages/feudal.html This is a detailed site about medieval life. It is mainly text, and so might be a bit too complicated – make sure you understand anything read.

<http://loki.stockton.edu/~ken/wharram/wharram.htm> Wharram Percy was a medieval village that no longer exists. It was discovered by archaeologists who have enabled reconstructions which give excellent information on medieval life. See also the ‘Contrasts & Connections’ textbook pp 84 – 85

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/MEDTfarming.htm> This page has details of many farm tools

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/Year%207.htm> This page is an index of information on a large number of topics. Follow the links to find your area of interest

1066 & the Normans

www.hastings1066.com This is a superb site. It includes pictures of the Bayeux Tapestry and much other information on William of Normandy’s invasion.

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/C/castle/index.html> An excellent site on castles – have a go on a virtual tour!

Black Death

www.godecookery.com/plague/plague.htm This is great site for information. Stories and pictures about the Black Death.

www.bbc.co.uk/history/society_culture/welfare/black_01.shtml Another site on the Black Death. There is masses of information – but it was not written for children, so it might be difficult to understand. There are several other pages on the site – follow the links.

Form 2 **1500 – 1750**

General

www.royal.gov.uk/ This is the Queen's website! Follow the links to 'history of the monarchy' and you can find information and pictures of all kings and queens, with family trees etc. It is incredibly detailed, and is not aimed directly at children, so it might be difficult to understand. As always, remember to consider how a source is affected by the person who made it!

www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/index.shtml This is an index of people who have a biography on the site, so is excellent if you want information on a particular person. It includes all Tudor & Stuart monarchs, plus others, such as Mary Queen of Scots, Henry VIII's wives, Thomas More, Cromwell (all 3 of them!) etc

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/H/history/guide16/index.html> Tudor history. A very detailed site with timelines, biographies, important events etc. It covers all the topics studied, but I'm sure you will go straight to the section titled 'sex and sleaze', which is useful for our work on women in the 1500s & 1600s.

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/H/history/guide17/index.html> Stuart history. A very detailed site with timelines, biographies, important events etc. It covers all the topics studied, but I'm sure you will go straight to the section titled 'sex and sleaze', which is useful for our work on women in the 1500s & 1600s.

www.tudors.crispen.org Site has lots of information – follow the links to the information you want.

Elizabeth

www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/springfield/eliz/ This is the site of an American school – but I don't think it is the same one attended by Bart Simpson! There are many pages of interest – follow the links

Civil War

www.national-army-museum.ac.uk/pages/civilwar/html This museum website has much information on the causes of the war, major battles, weapons and tactics etc

After Cromwell

www.national-army-museum.ac.uk/pages/glor-rev.html This museum website is about the army mainly, but this page is useful on the return of Charles II

Artillery

www.national-army-museum.ac.uk This museum website has much information relevant to the visit to Fort Nelson

Martin Luther

Information from websites should be treated in the same way as information from books – i.e. don't just copy it!

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/TUDluther.htm> This is a very good place to start – the spartacus sites are always easy to read, and give much detail

<http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk/year8links/elizabeth/martinluther.pdf> Like spartacus, schoolhistory is an excellent site – it's always worth looking at if you want to find out more about our history studies

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/Lu2.htm> This is aimed at A2 level students, so you might find it difficult. However, it has plenty of detail about Luther's early life

<http://www.lepg.org/religion.htm> Again, the language used is aimed at older students.. This page is about the Reformation – so not all of it is useful – you must use the section on Luther, not all of this page

http://search.biography.com/print_record.pl?id=9616 Another lengthy page

<http://www.luther.de/en/leben.html> This site has an excellent timeline. Also follow some of the links if you want more. This is a German site, but you should go directly to a page written in English. If not, click the Union Jack

http://www.historyonthenet.com/Tudors/the_reformation.htm Here you can find a list of Luther's beliefs, but most of the page is about what happened in England, which is not relevant

http://atheism.about.com/library/glossary/western/bldef_luthermartin.htm?terms=luther another complicated site – but some great quotes you could use – don't forget to put them in speech marks “ “

www.susanlynnpeterson.com/luther/home.html Follow the links to 'early life' and 'reformer' for timelines

www.wittenberg.de/en/seiten/personen/luther.html This has a good timeline. It's a German site, so make sure you include the 'en' in the web address, or you will find yourself with some tricky translation!

American Indians

General

www.germantown.k12.il.us/html/plains.html This is aimed at fairly young children, but it has a lot of information about the buffalo, and about religious ceremonies

Pictures

www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/taylor/# (then follow links to pictures)

www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/award98/ienhtml/tribes.html (then click on either individual tribes or 'Plains Indians' for an index of pictures)

www.npg.si.edu/col/native/index.html From an American University. Pictures and information on several Indian leaders

Form 3 1750 - 1900

www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/index.shtml This is an index of people who have a biography on the site, so is excellent if you want information on a particular person. It includes Queen Victoria, Richard Arkwright, IK Brunel, Olaudah Equiano (an ex-slave), etc

www.holnet.org.uk/vl/ This is a site about Victorian London, based on the survey made by Booth into living conditions. It has much information on what it was like to live in London in the 1890s

www.victorianweb.org/ This is a detailed site aimed at post 16 learners, so it might be too difficult. However, it is extremely detailed on many subjects, and is very easy to navigate

www.workhouses.org.uk/ This is an excellent site for investigating treatment of the poor in the 19th century. It is very detailed, but includes excellent pictures and photos. It is easy to read and to navigate.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/%7Ecity19c/viccity/home.html A detailed site with some excellent original pictures. The site has a page of each on several topics including living conditions, work, transport etc

Suffragettes

www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/index.shtml This is an index of people who have a biography on the site, so is excellent if you want information on a particular person. It includes leading suffragettes - the Pankhursts, Lady Lytton and Emily Davison (died at the Derby), and other women such as Caroline Norton, Josephine Butler etc

www.victorianweb.org/ Follow the links to 'gender' for detailed information on Victorian women. This is a site aimed at post 16 students, so be aware that it might be too difficult.

www.bbc.co.uk/history/games/victorian_women/index.shtml A game that gives you an overview of the life of Victorian women

www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/women

This will give an index of women, click on a name to read a biography. This site is the best I have seen - it includes some of the less well-known suffragettes and the information is very readable

www.bbc.co.uk/history/society_culture/protest_reform/

This has information on most of the leaders. Information is detailed, but aimed at students at a higher level than secondary school

www.womenshistory.about.com/cs/suffrageengland

Make sure you type all this address, as the site is American and so much information is not relevant

www.manchester2002-uk.com/celebs/politicians

This site was created to publicise Manchester during the Commonwealth Games. It has information on a huge number of famous Manchester people. The Pankhursts and Annie Kenney are included as they were Mancunians (which means they were from Manchester)

www.xrefer.com/search.jsp

This is an excellent site that searches on-line encyclopaedia and other reference works. There are entries on all the suffragette leaders. Go to this search page and type in the woman's name - for some there will be more than one entry, so make sure you read both.

www.time.com/time/time100/heroes/profile/pankhurst01.html

This will take you to the American Time magazine's entry on 100 heroes. There are 3 pages on Mrs Pankhurst, so follow links to pages 2 & 3

www.learningcurve.pro.gov.uk/politics/emily/default.htm

This is from the Public Record Office, where all government documents are kept in an archive for researchers to use. They have published some of their records on the internet, including original documents about Emily Davison's death

WW1

www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/index.shtml This is an index of people who have a biography on the site, so is excellent if you want information on a particular person. Includes all the political and military leaders, and many of the war poets

www.bbc.co.uk/history/war/wwone/index.shtml Very detailed on all aspects of the war. Includes articles from newspapers of the time

www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/FWW/htm The Spartacus sites are always good and easy to navigate. This address is for an encyclopaedia of WWI, with about 20 headings, including: war in the air, war at sea, trench warfare, technology, weapons, strategies & tactics.

www.iwm.org.uk/index.htm This is the site of the Imperial War Museum in London. It has lots of information and pictures – make sure you choose the correct war! Follow links to other parts of the museum – eg IWM Duxford is good for RAF history

www.firstworldwar.com An American site – it's extremely detailed, and some might be difficult to understand. It is very easy to navigate through the site. The best pages are those on:

The Somme <http://www.firstworldwar.com/battles/somme.htm>

Propaganda posters <http://www.firstworldwar.com/posters/uk.htm>

Weapons <http://www.firstworldwar.com/weaponry/index.htm>

Poetry <http://www.firstworldwar.com/poetsandprose/index.htm>

www.worldwar1.com This site is very detailed, but rather difficult to navigate

www.national-army-museum.ac.uk/pages/first-world-war/html This museum website has many images about trench warfare

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/H/history/guide20/index.html> A detailed guide to the 20th century

www.history1900s.about.com/ A US site. Very detailed but includes excellent timelines and many pictures as well as useful information.

General Douglas Haig **Does he deserve the title 'Butcher of the Somme'**

Remember – your aim is to examine the interpretation of Haig – i.e. how has he been described and which description you agree with and why. Although factual information is necessary, it is much more important to examine what has been said about him. A piece of work that only details what happened is likely to achieve only level 3. Use the sheet describing levels for more information on what is expected

There are many excellent websites for this work. Be careful, though as a General Alexander Haig was a leader of the US army in Vietnam. So if searching, make sure you have the right man, so you don't waste time downloading useless information.

<http://www.nls.uk/experiencesofwar/general/propoganda/index-propoganda.html>

http://www.nls.uk/experiencesofwar/weewindows/indepth_somme.html

<http://www.johndclare.net/wwi3.htm>

http://www.johndclare.net/wwi_generals_docs.htm

http://www.johndclare.net/wwi_haig_docs.htm

<http://learningcurve.pro.gov.uk/greatwar/rees/frameset.htm>

<http://learningcurve.pro.gov.uk/greatwar/rees/main.htm>

<http://www.learnhistory.org.uk/somme.ppt>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/special_report/1998/10/98/world_war_i/197586.stm

<http://www.learnhistory.org.uk/somme.ppt>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/war/wwone/lions_donkeys_01.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/war/wwone/mirror04_01.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/war/wwone/battle_somme.shtml

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/war/wwone/haig.shtml>

<http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk/gcselinks/wars/firstwwlinks/worksheets/lionsledbydonkeys.pdf>

www.worldwar1.com/biochaig.htm

<http://passmoreshistory.homestead.com/y9u1516more~ns4.html>

www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/FWWsomme.htm

www.weatherheadhistory.ik.org

<http://www.firstworldwar.com/battles/somme.htm>

WW2

General

www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/index.shtml This is an index of people who have a biography on the site, so is excellent if you want information on a particular person. Includes all political leaders.

www.history1900s.about.com/ A US site. Very detailed but includes excellent timelines and many pictures as well as useful information.

www.iwm.org.uk/index.htm This is the site of the Imperial War Museum in London. It has lots of information and pictures – make sure you choose the correct war! Follow links to other parts of the museum – eg IWM Duxford is good for RAF history

www.national-army-museum.ac.uk/pages/second-world-war/html This museum website has many images about the role of the British army.

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/H/history/guide20/index.html> A detailed guide to the 20th century

Home Front

www.holnet.org.uk/learningzone/londonatwar/index.html This is easy to use. It has excellent pictures and text about wartime London

www.iwm.org.uk/education/lifeinww2/index.htm This is the site of the Imperial War Museum in London. It has excellent pictures and text on the Home Front.

Holocaust

www.fatherryan.org/holocaust/ This site is the result of a school project, so it is easy to read and understand. It includes excellent pictures and information, not just on the Holocaust, but also on related topics eg Nazi propaganda

www.iwm.org.uk/lambeth/holo-ex1.htm This is the site of the Imperial War Museum in London. It has pictures and information from its exhibition on the Holocaust.

www.newseum.org/holocaust/index.htm An awful name, but good information on the holocaust

Specific event/people

www.raf.mod.uk/history/index.html This is the RAF's website. The index gives a useful timeline. For information on the Battle of Britain, go to:
www.raf.mod.uk/bob1940/bobhome.html

GCSE

See also WW1 and WW2 above.

General

<http://www.learn.co.uk/default.asp?WCI=Topic&WCU=25668> This site was set up by the Guardian newspaper. It has information on the major topics of Modern World history. Probably most useful for revision rather than research

www.guardiancentury.co.uk/ This is the newspaper's archive of the twentieth century. It can be searched by date or by event, to find how it was originally reported in the paper. A good contemporary source – remember the values and limitations of primary sources.

www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/index.shtml This is an index of people who have a biography on the site, so is excellent if you want information on a particular person. Includes all those studied – Hitler, Stalin, Lenin, Kennedy etc

www.bbc.co.uk/education/modern/index.shtml This is a site specifically for the GCSE course we follow. It is useful for research, back-up of lessons, homework help and revision.

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/H/history/guide20/index.html> A detailed guide to the 20th century

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/peoplescentury/episodes/> This is a list of all BBC programmes in the 'People's Century' series. There is lots of information on each programme, many of which are relevant. We have recordings of the whole series, and can arrange for you to see any that are relevant.

<http://www.activehistory.co.uk/games/index.htm> They say learning should be fun. This page is an index of games. Scroll down to GCSE section – it includes 'how would you do in the Wall St crash?', 'Could you save the Weimar republic?', 'What caused WW2?' 'How would you have run the League of Nations?', and 'What caused the Bolshevik Revolution'. The games have worksheets attached, so you can claim that you are really revising, not just playing.

<http://home.wanadoo.nl/gerard.vonhebel/index.htm> This is a historical atlas of Europe. At GCSE, you study histories of many countries, some of which do not exist now. It can be very confusing to establish where they are in relation to each other. This atlas should help.

Germany

www.fatherryan.org/holocaust/ This site is the result of a school project, so it is easy to read and understand. It includes excellent pictures and information, not just on the Holocaust, but also on related topics eg Nazi propaganda

www.historyplace.com/worldwar2/riseofhitler/index.htm This is very detailed site, almost no pictures, so only for the serious scholar. It's well organised and easy to navigate

1919 peace to 1939 war

<http://www.johndclare.net/> This is an index to all topics covered in the year 11 course. For each, there are extensive notes, and sample questions with tips on how to answer. Highly recommended for inquiry and revision. The site is very useful – but be aware that I have looked at the site, so please don't present any work as your own!

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/modernworldhistory.htm> Another index to excellent information

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/FWWleague.htm> Information on the League of Nations with links to other topics. Spartacus is always a good first place to search. Information is always detailed, but easy to read. This offers plenty of links, so can help you fill gaps in your knowledge, and has included several original sources

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/peoplescentury/episodes/lostpeace/description.html> This links to the BBC programmes 'People's Century' – we have recordings of all programmes in the department, and can arrange for you to see any that might be appropriate. This link is to the programme on Versailles, League of Nations etc, titled 'Lost Peace'

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/leagueofnations.htm> excellent information on the League and with detail on events, with links. An excellent overview of the work of the League of Nations

<http://learningcurve.pro.gov.uk/snapshots/snapshot30/snapshot30.htm> The government is keen to make its documents available to all. The learning curve aims to do that. Original documents are shown, with tasks & activities. This page is on the Britain's reaction to the occupation of the Rhineland

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Other sites of interest

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/T/teachem/> next time someone says that schools are much softer or easier now, have a look at this. It's the site of a reality TV programme shown August 03 in which a group of students who had just taken their GCSEs go to a 1950s school, which they find very different! They took old 'O' level exams, and their results are compared with their GCSE results to try and discover if exams are now much easier. If you are feeling brave, you can have a go at the exams yourself!

Name _____ Form _____

I have found a new website that should be added to this directory.

- The address is
- I used it for my work on
- It is about
- It is most useful for

There is a problem with one of the websites in this directory

- The website address is
- The problem is
- You need to change the entry in this directory - it now should say

Add as much information as you can, and give to Mr Harris