

HISTORICAL TOPICS FOR CE REVISION

THE NORMAN CONQUEST

- The claims to the throne
- The main events of 1066
- The lead up to the Battle of Hastings
- The main events of the battle
- The weapons, soldiers and tactics used in the battle
- Why did William of Normandy win the battle?
- How did William take control of England?
- The impact of the Norman Conquest

HENRY II AND THOMAS BECKET

- The importance of the Medieval Church
- The differences between the Church and Secular courts
- The causes of the argument between Henry II and Thomas Becket
- The main events that lead to Becket's murder
- The main events of the murder in Canterbury Cathedral
- The results of the argument and murder
- Who won the argument between the Church and State?

KING JOHN

- Plantagenet family tree
- The main events of King John's reign
- The problems that King John inherited from Henry II and Richard
- With whom did King John quarrel during his reign?
- Why did King John quarrel with these groups of people?
- Describe the main events of each quarrel
- Was King John a bad king?
- The main events that led to the Magna Carta
- What was the Magna Carta and why was it important?

THE BLACK DEATH

- Describe medieval life (the village and town)
- What were the different types of plague?
- What was the Black Death?
- Where and how did the plague come from?
- What were the causes and symptoms of the bubonic plague?
- What preventative measures did people use?
- What medieval remedies did people use?
- The effects of the plague

THE PEASANTS' REVOLT

- What were the causes of the Revolt (long and short term)
- The main events of the revolt
- Death of Wat Tyler
- The results of the Peasants' Revolt

THE BATTLE OF AGINCOURT

- The murder and deposition of Richard II
- The family tree of Edward III (Lancastrians and Yorkists)
- The reasons for Henry V's first expedition of 1415
- The main events leading to the battle
- The main events of battle
- The weapons, armour and tactics
- Why did Henry V win the battle?
- The results of the battle
- Why did the English lose the Hundred Years' War?

THE WARS OF THE ROSES

- The causes of the civil wars?
- The main events of the civil wars?
- The problems were created by Edward IV's early death?
- What happened to the two princes in the Tower?
- The lead up to the battle of Bosworth.
- The main events of the battle
- The results of the battle
- How did Henry Tudor end the Wars of the Roses?

COMMON ENTRANCE

THE ESSAY QUESTION

CE essays will consist of

a) Describe the main events of

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b) What was the cause for(or something similar)

OR

c) What were the results of(or something similar)

Scholarship Essay Themes

1. What would have happened if William of Normandy had lost the Battle of Hastings?
2. Who was the greatest medieval monarch?
3. Why should we study history?
4. What are the causes of wars?
5. Does Richard III deserve to be regarded as an evil villain?
6. History is only about men. Discuss.
7. How important is luck in history?
8. Explain how key events can change the course of History, use examples.