












KS1 Key Substantive and Second Order Concepts in History

Key Substantive Concepts (know what)

Symbol	Concept and Definition
	Significant Events The important things that happen and the changes that are made afterwards.
	Significant People People who have done important things in the past and the changes they have made.
	Civilisation The way of life in particular areas or at a particular time.
	Empire An large group of places or countries ruled over by one single ruler or state.
	Legacy – Influence and Impact The effect that someone or something has on someone or something else. We may still see signs of this today.
	Invasion When an enemy or army take over another place by force.

Key Second Order Concepts (know how)

Symbol	Concept and Definition
	Chronology The order that things happen in time.
	Continuity and Change What has changed over time and what has stayed the same?
	Cause and Effect When something happens or someone does something to change the way things are afterwards.
	Similarities and Differences Knowing that people have different lives and different ideas and how this effects the way they get along with one another.
	Historical Interpretation Using clues from the past (writing, objects, paintings, buildings) to help us make sense of what has happened and why.