












KS2 Key Substantive and Second Order Concepts in History

Key Substantive Concepts (know what)

Symbol	Concept and Definition
	Significant Events The key happenings surrounding the events and the accomplishments that have been made as a result.
	Significant People Who has played an important role within the event or events and changes that have taken place.
	Civilisation The way of life in particular areas or at a particular period in time.
	Empire An extensive group of states 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 and may still be effective today.
	Invasion An act or instance of invading by an enemy or hostile army.

Key Second Order Concepts (know how)

Symbol	Concept and Definition
	Chronology The study of time - chronological means 'the order in which things happen'.
	Continuity and Change What has changed over time and what has remained the same?
	Cause and Effect The relationship in history between an event, a condition, or a decision (the cause) and the events or results that follow it (the effects). A single cause can have multiple effects.
	Similarities and Differences Understanding the complexity of people's lives, differing perspectives and the relationships between different groups of people.
	Historical Interpretation This is the process by which we describe, analyse, evaluate and create our own explanation of past events based on primary and secondary historical sources.