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History vocabulary progression grid

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Chronology					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
yesterday before earlier a long time ago last year in the past present day in the future today tomorrow older already happened	passing of time in order of events timeline before I was born sequence weeks days living memory beyond living memory	timeline AD BCE (before common Era or BC before Christ) CE (common Era) chronological order	calendar towards the end of the Roman Empire In 55BC...	decades pre 1066 throughout the Greeks... dynasty	narrative era centuries duration

General History terminology					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
past king queen important same different	artefact significant global museum local event historian	AD BC ancient civilization agriculture archaeology prehistory discovery primary secondary evidence similar difference colony	change continuity Christianity conquest church democracy emperor empire slave settler invasion migrate leader rebellion revolt reason effect republic parliament peasantry	crusades interpretation conflict sources myths and legends cause consequence aristocracy	Dark Ages Islam monarchy oral history immigrants reliable critically analyse diversity court causation tolerance



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Topics specific vocabulary for Key Stage 1

Childhood	Great fire of London	Dinosaurs	Monarchs	Movers/shakers	Victorian coastline
adult	London	air	absolute power	activist	amusement arcade
family tree	fire	amphibian	AD (anno Domini)	campaign	change
artefact	Samuel Pepys	animal	Alfred the Great	chronological order	donkey ride
old	diary	bird	castle	diamond ranking	factory
baby	Charles II	carnivore	century	discovery	fish and chip shop
past	bakery	cold-blooded	chronology	explorer	fisher
birthday present	smoke	dinosaur	decade	fact	Grace Darling
child	leather	discovery	divorce	fossil	harbour
teenager	buckets	earth	Elizabeth I	infection	herring girl
childhood	axe	egg	Elizabeth II	invention	holiday
today	bread	extinction	empire	monument	jet worker
coronation toddler	wind	fish	future	opinion	legacy
decade wedding	houses	food	heir	protest	life jacket
elderly	Pudding Lane	fossil	Henry VIII	rights	lifeboat
young	fire hooks	herbivore	hierarchy	role model	lighthouse
family	fire breaks	invertebrate	invasion	scientist	lighthouse keeper
	Thomas Farnor	mammal	kingdom	sculpture	monument
		Mary Anning	law	significant	museum
		omnivore	marriage	speech	pier
		palaeontologist	monarch/monarchy	stamp	port
		plant	palace	statue	ruins
		remains	parliament	suffragette	sea shanty
		reptile	period	timeline	shipyard
		rock	portrait	travel	shipbuilder
		shelter	power	viewpoint	shop
		skeleton	present	vote	souvenir
		survival	Queen Victoria		survivor
		teeth	reign		tourism
		trace	religion		tourist
		water	residence		visit
			royal		visitor
			rule		volunteer
			ruler		whale fat
			sovereign		whaling
			timeline		Whitby
			William the Conqueror		
			year		



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Topic specific vocabulary for lower Key Stage 2			
Through the ages	Roman	Anglo Saxons	Vikings
AD	absolute power	archbishop	Alfred the Great
archer	amphitheatre	Angle Great	Angle
arable farming	aqueduct	Anglo-Saxon	Anglo-Saxon
archaeologist	artefact	Battle of Hastings	Anglo-Saxon Chronicle
arrowhead	auxiliary	Celt	Aamy
artefact	barbarian	Celtic	Bede
axe	Boudicca	ceorl	border
BC	Britannia	Christianity	Britain
BCE	Briton	church	carving
blacksmith	cause	Danelaw	Christianity
Briton	cavalry	East Anglia	clay
bronze	Celt	Essex	coast
Bronze Age	centurion	invader	conquer
burial site	century	Heathen Army	convert
CE	Christianity	heptarchy	craftspeople
Celt	Colosseum	hierarchy	defend dying
century	conquer	invasion	East Anglia
chariot	conquest	jarl	Essex
chief	consequence	Jorvik	Germanic
conflict	dictator	Jute	Gods
copper	emperor	Kent	hut
craftspeople	empire	king	invade
druid	fortress	kingdom	jewellery
earthwork	forum	Longship	jute
era	general	Mercia	Kent
farm	governor	monastery	King
flint	Hadrian's Wall	monk	King Arthur
forge	hierarchy	myth	Kingdom
hammerstone	Iceni tribe	mythology	Knights of the round table
hand axe	invasion	Norman	leader
harpoon	Julius Caesar	Northumbria	longhouse
harvest	kingdom	Old English	Mercia
henge	legion	pagan	metal
hillfort	paganism	Pict	metalwork
Homo erectus	Pax Romana	raider	monastery
Homo heidelbergensis	rebellion	Saxon	monk
Homo neanderthalensis	republic	Scandinavia	navy
(Neanderthal)	Roman Empire	Scot	Norman



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Homo sapiens hunter-gatherer Ice Age interglacial period invention iron Iron Age Mesolithic metal metalworker migration Neanderthal Neolithic offering ore palaeolithic pastoral farming period plough pottery prehistoric primary source rampart ritual roundhouse sacrifice seasonal camp secondary source settlement shelter sickle sineu society Stone Age stone circle Stonehenge summer solstice tin tool torc	Rome senate senator signum slave social class Sparta theatre tragedy Trojan War tyranny tyrant villa	settlement slave Sussex Sutton Hoo thrall trader Viking Wessex	Northumbria Offa's dyke Old English pagan pottery Priest raid Roman rule Saxon Scotland Scottish picts settle ships shore fort Sussex thatched roof tool trade tribe unite Viking village Wales weapon weaving Wessex wood
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Topics specific vocabulary for upper Key Stage 2

Shang dynasty	Space explorers	Ancient Greeks	Darwin	WW1/WW2	Antarctic explorers	Ancient Maya
afterlife	Apollo 11	acropolis	adaptation	air raid	Alaska	altar
agriculture	astronaut	Aegean Sea	ancestry	air craft	Antarctic region	astronomy
ancestor	astronomer	agora	characteristic	Allies	Arctic Ocean	Aztecs
archer	Buzz Aldrin	ancient Greece	Charles Darwin	alliance	Arctic region	celebration
armour	Cold war	Archaic period	dinosaur	allied Power	Atlantic Ocean	Central America
battleaxe	Command Module	architecture	down House	Archduke Franz Ferdinand	base camp	Chihuahuan Desert
bi	Commemorate	artefact	environment	armistice	Canada	civilisation
bronze	Galileo Galilei	Athenian	evolution	army	expedition	concert
Bronze Age	Gravity	Athens	experiment	artillery	explorer	costume
bones	Isaac Newton	Bronze Age	extinct	assassination	exposure	culture
chariot	John F. Kennedy	citizen	finch	Battle of Britain	Finland	Day of the Dead
China	Kennedy space centre	city state	fossil	Battle of Passchendaele	glacier	diverse
civilisation	Laika	Classical period	Galapagos Islands	Battle of the Somme	Greenland	El Castillo
clan	launch pad	comedy	generation	battlefield	iceberg	equinox
composite bow	lunar	Dark Age	genetics	battleships	ice cap	festival
dagger-axe	lunar landing module	democracy	Gregor Mendel	blackout	Iceland	heritage
deity	Michael Collins	evidence	HMS Beagle	Blitz	Indigenous	Independence Day
ding	moon	God	Mary Anning	Blitzkrieg	Inuit	Indigenous
dragon	moon landing	Goddess	naturalist	campaign	native	Mariachi
dynasty	Neil Armstrong	hierarchy	natural selection	civilian	Norway	Maya
emperor	Soviet Union (USSR)	historian	origin	codebreaker	rescue	Maya ballgame
Great Wall of China	spacecraft	Knossos	palaeontology	colony	RMS Titanic	Maya calendar
Han Dynasty	space race	legacy	scientist	combat	Robert Falcon Scott	Mexico
hierarchy	spacewalk	literature	skeleton	commonwealth	route	Mexico City
inscription	splashdown	mathematician	species	communication	Russia	parade
jade	telescope	Mediterranean Sea	specimen	conflict	supplies	patron saint
legacy	United States	Minoan civilisation	variation	D-Day	voyage	region
li	Yuri Gagarin	monarchy	voyage	defence	wind speed	Rio Grande
military		Mount Olympus		dictator		settlement
oracle bones		Mycenae		Dunkirk		tradition
Period		Mycenaean civilisation		Eastern front		
pictograph		mythology		eligible		
power		navy		enlist		
Qin Dynasty		Neolithic		evacuation		
sacrifice		Olympia		fascism		
shaman		Olympic Games		First world war		
Shang Dynasty		Persian Empire		genocide		
silk		philosopher		holocaust		



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Silk Road taotie Terra cotta Army tomb Warring States Xia Dynasty Yangtze River Yellow river Yinxu zeng Zhengzhou Emperor Zhou Dynasty		philosophy playwright polis primary source secondary source slave social class Sparta theatre tragedy Trojan War tyranny tyrant		home front invasion last post league of nations liberate Lord Kitchener Luftwaffe mess tin missing in action mustard gas Nazi party neutral no man's land propaganda radar rationing recruit Remembrance Sunday resistance retaliation Royal Air Force Royal Navy Second World war shell shock stalemate submarines surrender tactic tanks Treaty of Versailles trenches truce U-boat victory volunteer warfare Western front women's land army wreath		
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