Year 8 History – The English Civil War 1625-1658

English Civil War	Knowledge, Skills, Understanding
Higher	Can analyse the relative importance of the causes of a historical event (e.g. the causes of the English Civil War)
	Can argue confidently why one cause was more important than other causes.
	Can evaluate the content and provenance of several sources confidently to reach a judgement (purpose, viewpoint, knowledge of the situation at the time)
	Can analyse and evaluate different interpretations (e.g. of Charles I's reign or Cromwell's leadership)
	Can analyse and evaluate why different individuals/groups interpret the significance of individuals/events differently (e.g. Oliver Cromwell – Hero or Villein?)
	Can analyse and evaluate the nature, extent, speed and impact of change brought about by a historical event (e.g. How far did the Civil War and Execution of Charles turn the 'world upside down')
	Can analyse and evaluate different viewpoints both of different groups and within groups. (E.g. Catholic/Protestant)
	Can create well argued, highly structured and fully supported accounts integrating independently found sources
Intermediate	Can write about historical events in detail. (the execution of Charles I, Battle of Edgehill, Battle of Naseby)
	Can explain fully the causes of events. (the causes of the Civil War, the execution of Charles I)
	Can explain how different types of historical sources support or deny historical claims. (purpose, viewpoint, knowledge of the situation at the time)
	Can explain why contrasting interpretations of the past have been constructed. (interpretations of Charles I/Cromwell)
	Can explain the significance of a historical figure. (such as Charles I or Cromwell).
	Can explain whether changes brought about by the Civil War/Execution of Charles I were big or small/good or bad.

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	Can explain viewpoints of different groups (Catholics, Protestants, Puritans, Royalists & Parliamentarians)
	Can use historical terms and concepts in increasingly sophisticated ways.
	Can create relevant, highly structured and fully supported accounts (using source evidence and contextual knowledge).
Foundation	Can describe historical events fully and can identify causes of these events. (causes of the English Civil War)
	Can describe how different types of historical sources support or deny historical claims (purpose/viewpoint of the sources)
	Can describe contrasting interpretations of the past. (differing interpretations of Charles I/Cromwell)
	Can describe a historically significant figure such as Charles I or Cromwell (may be able to begin to explain his or her significance).
	Can describe how life in England changed as a result of the Civil War or the execution of Charles I.
	Can describe different historical viewpoints on a historical event or a historical figure. (Charles I, Oliver Cromwell)
	Can use historical terms and concepts.
	Can create relevant, structured and evidentially supported accounts.