

Big Ideas

Big Ideas are the building blocks of subjects. They are: -

- Concepts and ideas that help us make sense of lots of otherwise isolated or disconnected facts.
- Principles, theories, or processes that serve as a focal point of a subject.
- Something that changes the way we think about information or schema.

The big ideas in this subject are: -

Big Idea	Description
INTERPRETATIONS and SOURCES	Using the skills of the historian – including causation, chronological analysis, evaluation of significance and interpretations, interrogation of primary sources – to make judgements about the past.
POWER	Who has power and who doesn't? How do you get more? When does it go too far? Who was powerful and when? The use of power to change a country, society, empire, group, etc.
ECONOMY	Why the economy works in a certain way, at a certain time, in a certain place, including money, land, wealth, taxation, class, and hierarchies; the economic impact of a historical situation
SOCIETY and RELIGION	The lives of people in the past – including religious beliefs and values, living conditions, job opportunities and leisure – and social change and revolutions
TENSION and CONFLICT	International, political, and personal causes of tension and conflict; the consequences impacts of tension and conflict