



History Appendix – Glossary of Terms



Term	Explanation
AD	Anno Domini.
Accuracy	Correct and exact.
Achievement	Succeed in doing or producing something.
Advocate	Speak in favour or recommend something.
Ancient	The distant past.
Artefact	An object made by humans in the past.
Armada	Fleet of Warships
BC	Before Christ. Also refer to BCE, Before Common Era.
Before	At an earlier time.
Biased	Feeling or influence for or against something.
Castle	Large, fortified building.
Cause	A person or thing that makes something happen.
Century	100 Years period.
Change	A difference in doing something.
Civilisation	A society or culture at a particular time in history.
Civil war	War in England between 1642 and 1652.
Commemorate	Celebration or reminder of a past event of person.
Compare	Putting things together to see what is different or the same.
Concurrence	Happening at the same time.

Conquer	Defeat or overcome.
Consequence	Something that happens as a result of an event or action.
Continuity	Going on and on without break.
Cultural	The customs and traditions of people.
Debate	A formal discussion.
Decade	A period on 10 years.
Democracy	Government of a country being elected by the people living there.
Difference	Being different, the way in which things differ.
Effect	Make something happen.
Era	A period of history.
Empire	A group of countries controlled by one person or government.
Enquiry	An act of asking for information.
Evidence	Anything which can be used to help make someone believe something.
Expedition	A journey made in order to do something.
Exploration	Travel in order to learn.
Explorer	Someone who travels in order to learn more.
Future	The time that will come or will happen.
Hierarchy	A system of organisation that ranks people above or below based on their authority.
Ideology	A set of beliefs and aims.
Industrial Revolution	The process of changing from agricultural and handicraft methods to those involving machinery and industry.
Innovative	Introducing new things or methods.
Interpretation	An explanation or a way of explaining something.
Invasion	Attacking or entering an entire country.

Legacy	The long-lasting impact or an event or action which happened in the past.
Memory	Something remembered from the past.
Monarch	The head of state especially a King, Queen or Emperor.
Old	Belonging to the past.
Oppression	Prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority over others.
Parliamentarians/Roundhead	A supporter of Parliament during the Civil War. Can also be known as a Roundhead.
Past	A time which has already happened.
Power	The ability to direct or influence the behaviour of others.
Prejudice	An opinion which is not based on reason or actual experience.
Present	Existing or occurring now.
Primary source	Immediate first-hand account.
Rebellion	An act of armed resistance to an established government or leader.
Reign	Hold royal office; rule as monarch.
Reliable	Able to be trusted.
Reliability	The quality of being trustworthy.
Retreat	Withdraw from enemy forces because of their superior power or after a defeat.
Royalist/Cavaliers	Giving support to the monarchy. Also known as a Cavalier during the Civil War.
Secondary source	One that was created later by someone who did not experience first-hand or participate in the events.
Significance	The quality of being worthy of attention; importance.
Similarity	The state or fact of being similar.
Societal structure	The distinctive, stable arrangement of institutions whereby human beings in a society interact and live together.
Source	A place, person, or thing from which something originates or can be obtained.
Timeline	A chronological arrangement of events in the order of their occurrence.

Today	This present day.
Tomorrow	The day after today.
Tudor	Relating to the English royal dynasty which held the throne from the accession of Henry VII in 1485 until the death of Elizabeth I in 1603.
Validity	The quality of being factually sound
Victorian	Relating to the reign of Queen Victoria.
Yesterday	The day before today.

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