Year 8: British Society and worldwide influence

In Year 8 the teaching of History focuses on the change in British Society and her influence around the world. Students recei
3 lessons a fortnight.

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Key Themes	**Civil War and Oliver Cromwell** • The causes of the English Civil War • Who fought whom? • The Battle of Naseby • Oliver Cromwell and the New Model Army • The execution of Charles' I • Who were the Puritans? • World Turned Upside Down • Was Oliver Cromwell a War Criminal? • Why did the people want their King back?	**Black Peoples of the Americas** • Africa before the Slave Trade • The Slave Trade Triangle • What was the Middle Passage? • What happened on the Zong? • How were the slaves sold? • Plantation life and slave songs • How did slaves resist? • Abolition of the Slave Trade • The American Civil War • The Civil Rights Movement in the 20th century	**The British Empire** • What is an Empire? • Why would people migrate to the New World? • The American War of Independence • Forgotten stories from India • The East India Company • The causes and events of the Indian Mutiny? • How did British rule affect ordinary people? • Did British Rule benefit everyone? • How did the Empire come to an end?	**Industrial Revolution** • Britain: the first Industria nation • Development of trade a transport in the 19th century. • Battle of Trafalgar, 1815 the threat from France • What were living conditions like in an industrial town? • Richard Arkwright: King Cotton or spin doctor? • Children in the Mills
Assessment	• Oliver Cromwell: Hero or villain?	• Slavery and the fight for equality		
Homework	• Southampton in the Civil War		• Project on an empire of choice	
P2i		• Horrible History project on the transatlantic slave trade		