

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: Introduction to History for new Y7s: key terms

Key terms

1. Ancestor	Somebody you are related to in the past e.g. your great grandparents or any other relative who was born before you.
2. Border	A line which divides two countries or areas; the edge of a country or area e.g. Spain's border with Portugal
3. Conquest	When one group of people beat another people/country in war and take over their land to rule for themselves.
4. Conflict	A serious argument; fighting .
5. Coronation	The ceremony when a King or Queen is crowned .
7. Democracy	A system of government where people get to vote for who they want to be their leader. In the UK, we have democracy.
7. Empire	A group of countries ruled over by one country who is in charge e.g. the Roman Empire, the British Empire.
8. Government	The group of people who have power to rule a country and make laws.
9. Invasion	When an army attacks an area which doesn't belong to them.
10. Military	The army , or related to things to do with the army.

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11. Monarchy	A type of government where a King or Queen is in charge . The King or Queen is the 'monarch'.
12. Monk	A man who, due to being very religious , has joined a community where they swear to do what they are told by the Church and pray to God . Women are called 'nuns'.
13. Nation	A group of people who speak the same language, and feel that they belong together as a country .
14. Nobility	Very rich people who are close to the King or the Queen and have a lot of land.
15. Parliament	The group of people in a country who debate and pass laws which people have to follow.
16. Peasant	A word used to describe poor people in the Medieval period who lived off the land as farmers.
17. Slave	A person who was owned by another human and forced to work for them without being paid .
18. Society	A community of people who have the same traditions and organisations .
19. Tax	When people have to pay money to the government , which is then used by the government to pay for things e.g. the army or free schooling.
20. Trade	When you swap something for money or something else that you want.