KS3 GRADE DESCRIPTORS FOR HISTORY



	Knowledge and Understanding	Causation and Consequence	Change and Continuity	Interpretations	Evidence
Advanced	TBAT detailed knowledge and understanding of the period studied. TBAT use sophisticated historical terminology to support my work effectively.	TBAT construct and explain a causal argument. TBAT place my causal argument within a wider contextual knowledge of the period studied.	TBAT select some examples to support an argument about change and continuity or significance. TBAT structure my argument around appropriate themes.	TBAT explain the key features of an interpretation, including how and why it has been constructed. TBAT a case for or against an interpretation and use some relevant contextual knowledge to support my evaluation.	TBAT support the comments that I make by using precise content from sources and backing it up with sound contextual knowledge. TBAT use provenance (NOP) to assess the utility of a source.
Secure	TBAT show detailed knowledge and understanding of the period studied. TBAT produce well-structured PEEL paragraphs. TBAT use historical terminology to support my work.	TBAT construct and explain a causal argument. TBAT define the importance of causes or groups of causes and begin to make links between them. TBAT explain why events had certain consequences & begin to recognise that one cause may have multiple consequences.	TBAT explain why some changes are significant or seen as significant depending on perspective. TBAT realise that changes are not isolated; they interact or can have an impact on other events.	TBAT know how & why an interpretation may have been created. TBAT explain that interpretations come from from differing purposes, viewpoints, backgrounds or source availability and selection. TBAT to comment on the validity of an interpretation.	TBAT make judgements about the utility of sources for a specified enquiry. TBAT to select criteria for making their judgement on utility. TBAT make an attempt to use both the content and provenance of sources and mostly use these successfully when making judgements.
Developing	TBAT structure my work into sentences and paragraphs. TBAT use some key terms correctly.	TBAT identify a number of causes of an event/s. TBAT begin to categorise these into types of causes. TBAT identify more than one consequence of an event/s.	TBAT show that different historical periods had some different rules, beliefs, and practices (ways of doing things). TBAT identify and describe some historical changes that took place between different periods. TBAT group historical changes into themes.	TBAT give simple descriptions of two opposing interpretations of an event or person.	TBAT choose information about the past from sources. TBAT show that some sources are more accurate than others.
Emerging	TBAT use sentences to describe what happened. TBAT demonstrate some knowledge and understanding of the period studied.	TBAT understand that things happen in the past for more than one reason. TBAT understand that events have consequences.	TBAT describe there is difference between life now and life in the past.	TBAT share an opinion about the past. TBAT recall some stories that I have been told about the past.	TBAT take some information from evidence.