 Terminology in history K–10

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| Stage | Historical concepts | Historical inquiry skills | Historical terms | Syllabus topics |
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| Early Stage 1 | Change and continuity  Cause and effect  Perspectives  Empathetic understanding  Significance | Question – ask, pose, (use how, what, why, who, when)  Research – listen, observe, collect, explore, examine, identify, record  Analyse and evaluate – describe, sequence, compare, recall, explain, discuss  Communicate – talk, retell, narrate, illustrate, write, describe, present, role play, reflect | History, time, past, present, future, then, now, similar, different, important  Story, oral history, photograph, object, artefact, site, book, video, event, online, collection, library, museum  Source, reliable source, primary source, secondary source, evidence, point of view, historical question | Personal and family histories  My family and other families – history, time, then, now, past, present, personal, family, relationships, family history, generation, lifetime, stages, treasured, similar, different, daily life  Important family events – holidays, events, celebrate, commemorate, important, significant, special, point of view, respect, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Acknowledgement of Country |
| Stage 1 | Change and continuity  Cause and effect  Perspectives  Empathetic understanding  Significance | Question – ask, pose, (use how, what, why, who, when)  Research – investigate, listen, observe, collect, explore, examine, identify, record  Analyse and evaluate – describe, sequence, predict, compare, recall, retell, conclude, explain, discuss  Communicate – recount, retell, empathise, illustrate, write, describe, narrate, present, role play, reflect | History, heritage, time, past, present, future, then, now, similar, different, important, significant  Story, oral history, photograph, object, artefact, remains, site, book, video, event, online, collection, library, museum  Source, reliable source, primary source, secondary source, point of view, relevance, evidence, historical question, historical narrative, timeline | Present and past family life  Daily lives past and present – family, family structure, family life, role, childhood, generation, parents, grandparents, immediate family, extended family, daily life, leisure, traditions, celebrations, technology, communication, similarities, differences, change, continue, causes, effects  Significance of time – now, then, tomorrow, day, week, month, season, holiday, event, cultural, differences, time, long time ago, old, new, past, present  The past in the present  Local history – local history, heritage, cultural, value, time, people, place, environment, event, site, building, remains, significant, memorial, landmark, preserve, community  Changing technology – technology, change, timeline, similar, different, impact, cause, affect, effect |
| Stage 2 | Change and continuity  Cause and effect  Perspectives  Empathetic understanding  Significance | Question – ask, pose, (use how, what, why, who, when)  Research – plan, investigate, listen, observe, locate, collect, explore, examine, identify, summarise, record  Analyse and evaluate – describe, sequence, compare, recall, retell, speculate, conclude, explain, discuss  Communicate – recount, retell, empathise, illustrate, write, describe, narrate, present, role play, explain, reflect | Time, past, present, future, then, now, similar, different, chronological, history, heritage, importance, significance, experiences, behaviour, actions, reasons, impacts, consequences  Story, oral history, journal, biography, photograph, object, artefact, site, map, book, video, event, online collection, library, museum  Archaeology, archaeologist, historian  Source, reliable source, primary source, secondary source, evidence, creator, point of view, perspective, audience, bias, stereotype, generalisations, relevance, reliability, historical question, historical narrative, timeline | Community and remembrance  Community – Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Country, Place, Land, local, regional, identity, relationship, stories, language, longevity, continuity, traditional, custodian, resource, change, similar, different, diversity, impact, cause, affect, effect, consequence, contribution  Remembrance – celebrate, commemorate, local, community, state, national, global, international, symbol, emblem, logo, flag, coat of arm, origin, significance, cause, effect, symbolism, respect, ceremony, ceremonial, religion, belief, tradition, similar, different  First contacts  First Peoples – Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, indigenous, inhabitants, Country, Place, Land, local, regional, relationship, stories, language, longevity, continuity, timeline, traditional, custodian, resource  World exploration – journey, world, navigator, navigation, explorer, exploration, trader, contact, interactions, inhabitants, Indigenous, society, trade route, unknown, voyage, discover, continent, conflict, colonisation, cause, effect, impact, consequences, significance,  First Fleet – voyage, travel, sail, fleet, transported, passenger, prisoner, convict, ex-convict, soldier, marine, governor, establishment, penal, colony, colonisation, settlement, consequence, punishment, goal, exploration, conditions, rations,  Nature of contact – Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Indigenous, inhabitants, contact, interaction, resistance, British, arrival, terra nullius, perspective, attitude, colonisation, impact, consequences |
| Stage 3 | Change and continuity  Cause and effect  Perspectives  Empathetic understanding  Significance  Contestability | Question – identify, question, ask, pose, (use how, what, why, who, when)  Research – plan, investigate, listen, observe, locate, select, collect, explore, examine, identify, summarise, record  Analyse and evaluate – describe, sequence, interpret, compare, recall, speculate, conclude, explain, discuss, contest  Communicate – recount, retell, empathise, illustrate, write, describe, present, role play, explain, reflect | Time, past, present, future, then, now, similar, different, chronological, history, heritage, importance, significance, experiences, behaviour, actions, reasons, impacts, consequences, decade, century, millennia, historical context  Story, oral history, journal, biography, photograph, object, artefact, site, map, book, video, event, online collection, library, museum, archaeology, archaeologist, historian  Source, reliable source, primary source, secondary source, evidence, creator, point of view, perspective, audience, bias, stereotype, generalisations, relevance, interpretation, reliability, historical question, historical narrative, timeline | The Australian colonies  Colonial life – colony, colonial, establishment, British, government, convict, factors, influence, inhabitants, indentured, settler, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Indigenous, inhabitants, environment, experience  Colonial development – settlement, colony, patterns, significant, exploration, conflict, frontier conflict, invasion, expansion, identity, impacts, consequences  Colonial migration – Europe, Asia, migrated, emigrant, immigrant, migrant, passenger, gender, experience, society, colony, contribution, cause, effect, perspective, opportunity, challenge, endurance  Significant people – role, occupation, contribution, significance, influence, motivation, action, colony, challenge, criticism, success, legacy  Australia as a nation  Australian Federation – colonies, federation, Commonwealth, influence, democracy, significance, development, local, state, federal, nation, government, law, responsibility, structure, Britain, USA, law, govern, senate, house of representatives, constitution, monarchy, governor general,  Australia democracy and citizenship – status, rights, human rights, freedoms, rights and freedoms, past, present, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Stolen Generations, migrants, women, children, society, democracy, civic, citizenship, referendum, election, vote, significance  Migration stories – Europe, Asia, migrated, emigrant, immigrant, migrant, experience, contribution, society, cause, effect, significance  Significant Australians – contribution, society, notable, influence, cause, effect significance |
| Stage 4 | Change and continuity  Cause and effect  Perspectives  Empathetic understanding  Significance  Contestability | Question – identify, question, ask, pose, (use how, what, why, who, when)  Research – plan, investigate, listen, observe, locate, select, collect, explore, examine, identify, summarise, record  Analyse and evaluate – describe, sequence, interpret, compare, recall, speculate, conclude, explain, evaluate, demonstrate, discuss, contest  Communicate – recount, retell, empathise, illustrate, argue, write, describe, present, role play, explain, reflect | Chronology, history, heritage, importance, significance, experiences, behaviour, actions, attitudes, motives, reasons, impacts, consequences, decade, century, millennia, historical context, immediate effects, long-term effects, turning point  Story, oral history, journal, biography, photograph, object, artefact, site, map, book, video, event, online collection, library, museum  Archaeology, archaeologist, historian  Source, reliable source, primary source, secondary source, evidence, creator, point of view, perspective, audience, fact, opinion, bias, stereotype, generalisations, relevance, reliability, interpretation, controversy, historical question, historical narrative, timeline | Ancient world  Investigating the ancient past – ancient, archaeology, dating, origin, BCE/CE, BC/AD, excavation, archive, conservation, preserve, artefact, site, Indigenous, Dreaming, middens, iconography  The Mediterranean World and The Asian World – geographical, civilisation, government, law, political, religion, philosophy, ruling elite, nobility, citizens, bureaucracy, slavery, warfare, military, funerary customs, conquest, empire, diplomacy, trade, legacy  The Ancient to the Modern World  Empire, transformation, invasion, cultural foundation, emergence, feudal, Crusades, Renaissance, Scientific Revolution, enlightenment, prominence, achievements, way of life, significance, influence, decline, expansion, relationships, cultural achievements, legacy, impact |
| Stage 5 | Change and continuity  Cause and effect  Perspectives  Empathetic understanding  Significance  Contestability | Question – identify, question, ask, pose, (use how, what, why, who, when)  Research – plan, investigate, listen, observe, locate, select, collect, explore, examine, identify, summarise, record  Analyse and evaluate – describe, sequence, interpret, compare, process, synthesise, recall, speculate, conclude, explain, evaluate, demonstrate, discuss, contest  Communicate – recount, retell, empathise, illustrate, argue, write, describe, present, role play, explain, reflect | Chronology, history, historical context, heritage, importance, significance, experiences, behaviour, actions, attitudes, motives, reasons, impacts, consequences, intended consequences, unintended consequences, immediate effects, long-term effects, turning point, influences, culmination  Story, oral history, journal, biography, photograph, object, artefact, site, map, book, video, event, online collection, library, museum  Archaeology, archaeologist, historian, methodology, historiography  Source, reliable source, primary source, secondary source, evidence, creator, point of view, perspective, audience, fact, opinion, bias, stereotype, generalisations, relevance, reliability, interpretation, controversy, historical question, historical narrative, timeline | The Making of the Modern World  Overview – industrial revolution, agricultural revolution, nationalism, imperialism, modernisation, industrialisation, westernisation, urbanisation, capitalism, socialism, communism, unionism, expansionism, egalitarianism, social discontent, uprising, self-government, life expectancy, social mobility, technological innovation, manufacturing, emancipist, free settler, progressive, franchise, legislation, independence  Australians at war – ANZAC, enlistment, conscription, warfare, censorship, Holocaust, home front, internment, racism, rationing, propaganda, civilians, enemy ‘aliens’, inter-war, post-World War II, legacy, commemoration  The Modern World and Australia  Overview – terrorism, global connections, global standing, globalisation, trade, status, attitudes, individuals, groups, government, law, human rights, multicultural, culture, cultural identity, peace, longevity, standard of living, environment, sustainability  Rights and freedoms – human rights, rights and freedoms, Indigenous, racism, invasion, settlement, dispossession, struggle, assimilation, activist, suffrage, Stolen Generations, Freedom Rides, Native Title, declaration, referendum, reconciliation |