 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 effectPerspectivesEmpathetic understanding Significance  | Question – ask, pose, (use how, what, why, who, when)Research – listen, observe, collect, explore, examine, identify, recordAnalyse and evaluate – describe, sequence, compare, recall, explain, discussCommunicate – talk, retell, narrate, illustrate, write, describe, present, role play, reflect  | History, time, past, present, future, then, now, similar, different, importantStory, 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 lifeImportant 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 effectPerspectivesEmpathetic understanding Significance  | Question – ask, pose, (use how, what, why, who, when)Research – investigate, listen, observe, collect, explore, examine, identify, recordAnalyse 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, effectsSignificance of time – now, then, tomorrow, day, week, month, season, holiday, event, cultural, differences, time, long time ago, old, new, past, presentThe past in the present Local history – local history, heritage, cultural, value, time, people, place, environment, event, site, building, remains, significant, memorial, landmark, preserve, communityChanging technology – technology, change, timeline, similar, different, impact, cause, affect, effect  |
| Stage 2 | Change and continuity Cause and effectPerspectivesEmpathetic understanding Significance  | Question – ask, pose, (use how, what, why, who, when)Research – plan, investigate, listen, observe, locate, collect, explore, examine, identify, summarise, recordAnalyse 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, historianSource, 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 remembranceCommunity – 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, contributionRemembrance – 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, differentFirst contactsFirst Peoples – Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, indigenous, inhabitants, Country, Place, Land, local, regional, relationship, stories, language, longevity, continuity, timeline, traditional, custodian, resourceWorld 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 effectPerspectivesEmpathetic 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, recordAnalyse and evaluate – describe, sequence, interpret, compare, recall, speculate, conclude, explain, discuss, contestCommunicate – 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 contextStory, oral history, journal, biography, photograph, object, artefact, site, map, book, video, event, online collection, library, museum, archaeology, archaeologist, historianSource, 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 coloniesColonial 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, enduranceSignificant people – role, occupation, contribution, significance, influence, motivation, action, colony, challenge, criticism, success, legacyAustralia as a nationAustralian 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, significanceSignificant Australians – contribution, society, notable, influence, cause, effect significance  |
| Stage 4 | Change and continuity Cause and effectPerspectivesEmpathetic 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, recordAnalyse and evaluate – describe, sequence, interpret, compare, recall, speculate, conclude, explain, evaluate, demonstrate, discuss, contestCommunicate – 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 pointStory, oral history, journal, biography, photograph, object, artefact, site, map, book, video, event, online collection, library, museum Archaeology, archaeologist, historianSource, 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 worldInvestigating the ancient past – ancient, archaeology, dating, origin, BCE/CE, BC/AD, excavation, archive, conservation, preserve, artefact, site, Indigenous, Dreaming, middens, iconographyThe 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 WorldEmpire, 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 effectPerspectivesEmpathetic 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, recordAnalyse and evaluate – describe, sequence, interpret, compare, process, synthesise, recall, speculate, conclude, explain, evaluate, demonstrate, discuss, contestCommunicate – 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, culminationStory, oral history, journal, biography, photograph, object, artefact, site, map, book, video, event, online collection, library, museumArchaeology, archaeologist, historian, methodology, historiographySource, 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 WorldOverview – 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, commemorationThe Modern World and AustraliaOverview – 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, sustainabilityRights 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 |