

Primary History Vocabulary (EYFS to Year 6)

EYFS

Word	Definition
Past	Something that has already happened.
Present	What is happening now.
Future	Something that will happen later.
Old	Something from a long time ago.
New	Something made or found recently.
Change	When something becomes different.
Family	People who are related to you.
Home	The place where you live.
Story	A tale about people or events.
Long ago	A time far back in the past.
Yesterday	The day before today.
Today	The current day.
Tomorrow	The day after today.
Grow	To get bigger or older.
Remember	To keep something in your mind.
Celebrate	To enjoy a special event or day.
Different	Not the same as something else.

Year 1

Word	Definition
History	The study of the past.
Timeline	A line that shows events in order.
Past	Events that happened before now.
Present	Things happening now.
Event	Something that happens.
Compare	To find what is the same or different.
Museum	A place where old things are kept and shown.
Memory	Something you remember from before.
Decade	Ten years.
Century	One hundred years.
Photograph	A picture taken with a camera.
Old-fashioned	Something from long ago or not modern.
Important	Something that matters a lot.
Sequence	To put things in the right order.
Change	When something becomes different over time.
Similar	Almost the same as something else.
Past event	Something that happened before now.
Modern	Something from recent times.

Year 2

Word	Definition
Monarch	A king or queen who rules a country.
Reign	The time a monarch rules.
Explorer	A person who travels to find new places.
Inventor	Someone who creates something new.
Victorian	From the time of Queen Victoria.
Transport	Ways people and goods move around.
Significant	Something important or special.
Chronological	Events arranged in time order.
Source	A place we get information from.
Evidence	Proof that helps us learn about the past.
Hero	Someone admired for being brave or kind.
Historical	Something related to the past.
Decade	A period of ten years.
Century	A period of one hundred years.
Local	Something near where you live.
National	Something that affects the whole country.
Global	Something that affects the whole world.

Year 3

Word	Definition
Ancient	From a very long time ago.
Civilisation	A group of people with cities, writing, and laws.
Archaeologist	A person who studies the past by digging up remains.
Artefact	An object made by people long ago.
Settlement	A place where people build homes.
Tribe	A group of families living together.
Bronze Age	A time when tools were made from bronze.
Stone Age	A time when tools were made from stone.
Iron Age	A time when tools were made from iron.
Timeline	A line showing events in order.
Hunter-gatherer	A person who finds food by hunting and gathering.
Fossil	Remains of plants or animals turned to stone.
Ancestor	A family member from long ago.
Excavation	Digging up old remains to learn about the past.
Society	A group of people living together.

Trade	Buying and selling goods.
Tool	An object used to do work.

Year 4

Word	Definition
Empire	Many countries ruled by one leader or country.
Conquer	To take control of land or people by force.
Invade	To enter a place and take control.
Legion	A large group of Roman soldiers.
Settlement	A place where people live and build homes.
Aqueduct	A Roman structure that carried water.
Rebellion	When people fight against their rulers.
Rule	To lead or control a group or country.
Governor	A person in charge of part of a country.
Citizen	A person who belongs to a country or city.
Religion	Beliefs about gods or spiritual things.
Belief	Something you think is true.
Chronology	The order that events happened.
Artefact	An old object made by people.
Colony	A place ruled by another country.
Invader	A person or group who enters by force.
Trade	Exchanging goods or services.

Year 5

Word	Definition
Democracy	A system where people vote to choose leaders.
Revolution	A big change in power or way of life.
Industrial	Connected with making things in factories.
Empire	Many countries ruled by one nation.
Colonial	Relating to a country controlling others.
Slavery	When people are owned and forced to work.
Abolition	Ending something, like slavery.
Reform	A change made to improve something.
Economy	How money and goods are made and used.
Parliament	The group that makes laws for a country.
Migration	When people move to live somewhere else.
Exploration	Travelling to discover new places.
Invention	A new thing someone has made.
Technology	Using science to create tools or machines.
Source	Where we get information about history.
Chronology	Events in time order.
Trade route	A path used to buy and sell goods.

Year 6

Word	Definition
Propaganda	Information used to influence opinions.
Evacuation	Moving people away from danger.
Allies	Countries that fight together in war.
Axis	Countries that fought against the Allies in WWII.
Blitz	German bombing of Britain in World War II.
Refugee	Someone who leaves their country for safety.
Conflict	A serious disagreement or war.
Peace	A time without fighting or war.
Rationing	Limiting food and goods during war.
Occupation	Control of one country by another.
Treaty	An agreement between countries.
Holocaust	The killing of millions of Jews in WWII.
Empire	A group of countries ruled by one nation.
Independence	Freedom from control by others.
Civil rights	The rights every person should have.
Migration	Movement of people from one place to another.
Memorial	Something built to remember people or events.

Reconstruction

Rebuilding after war or destruction.