

**Jahrgangstufe 8**

Inhalt	Inhaltlicher Schwerpunkt (lt. Kernlehrplan)	Methodischer Schwerpunkt (angelehnt an „Exploring History 1“)
<p><b>7 – Changes in Europe</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Absolutism and Enlightenment</li> <li>➤ Extra: The American Revolution</li> <li>➤ The French Revolution</li> </ul> <p><u>Key terms:</u> Ancien Régime, privilege, absolute monarch, estate, Estates-General, revolution, reform, National Assembly, human and civil rights, republic, Jacobin</p> <p>Native Americans (=Indians), Pilgrim Fathers, Puritans, Slave Trade, colony slavery resistance, constitution, Bill of Rights, separation of powers, checks and balances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Industrial Revolution with focus on Great Britain and the Ruhr Area</li> </ul> <p><u>Key terms:</u> Industrialization, steam engine, workshop, factory, urbanization, productivity growth, working class, trade unions, parliament, democracy, suffrage, “first”/“second” Industrial Revolution, Customs Union, capitalism, mass production, bourgeoisie, social security system, Soziale Frage (social question)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Revolution of 1848/1849 in Germany</li> </ul> <p><u>Key terms:</u> liberalism, nationalism, pauperism, Greater Germany/Little Germany, constitutional monarchy, federation, Three-Class Election System, parliament of professors, emigration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ German Unification 1871</li> </ul> <p><u>Key terms:</u> unification, anti-semitism, Bundesrat (federal council of the German state), Reichstag (German national parliament)</p>	<p><u>History Workshop:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analysing Paintings</li> <li>- Analysing Maps</li> <li>- Analysing Sources</li> <li>- Analysing Statistics</li> <li>- Analysing Cartoons</li> <li>- Analysing Historical Monuments</li> </ul>

<p><b>8 – Imperialism &amp; World War I</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Driving forces of imperialist expansion</li> <li>➤ Imperial policy in Africa and Asia</li> <li>➤ Rivalries between imperialist powers</li> </ul> <p><u>Key terms:</u> splendid isolation, “nightmare of coalitions”, colony, colonization, imperialism, racism, Weltpolitik, New Course, Triple Entente, Triple Alliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Different Aspects of World War I</li> </ul> <p><u>Key terms:</u> ultimatum, blank cheque, propaganda, Schlieffen Plan, mobilization, neutrality, trench warfare, poison gas, weapons of mass destruction</p>	<p><u>History Workshop:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research on the Internet</li> </ul> <p><u>History Skills:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analysing Cartoons</li> </ul>
<p><b>9 – The New Order of World Policy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Russia: The Revolution of 1917 and Stalinism</li> </ul> <p><u>Key terms:</u> Soviet, Bolsheviks, Mensheviks, October Revolution, Red Army, Russian Civil War, Communist Party, collectivization, five-year plan, Stalinism, cult of personality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ USA: Rise to power</li> </ul> <p><u>Key terms:</u> Fourteen Points, Treaty of Versailles, League of Nations, Black Friday, Great Depression, New Deal</p>	<p><u>History Skills:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analysing Cartoons</li> <li>- Analysing Primary Sources</li> <li>- Analysing War Posters</li> </ul>