

Year 8 Revision and Study Topics for June 2008 Common Entrance

Part A - EVIDENCE STUDIES

- 1) **The First Crusade**
- 2) **Edward I and the conquest of Scotland and Wales.**

Questions will test comprehension, comparison and usefulness of sources.

Part B - ESSAY QUESTION

The following topic areas will be studied

- 1) **Castles** - Development from hillfort – motte & bailey, stone keep - concentric, methods of attacking, how to defend a castle, methods and construction, a site visit (Warwick or other if applicable)
- 2) **Norman Conquest** - Contenders for the throne – Stamford Bridge – Hastings- Feudal System – Domesday Book – Rebellions.
- 3) **A battle in which a king lost his throne** – Hastings and Bosworth (Long and Short term causes, one battle (Describe the battle, why winning side won, tactics and weapons used)
- 4) **A battle/War against a foreign country** – Hastings – Bannockburn – Crécy or Agincourt)
Describe the campaign, Long and Short term causes, one battle (Describe the battle, why winning side won, tactics and weapons used, why was the war won or lost, explain the consequences of the war)
- 5) **The Black Death** – Causes, types of plague, how it spread, symptoms, cures, impact on England.
- 6) **Rebellion - The Peasants Revolt** – Short and Long term causes, major personalities, events (Mile End, riot in London & Smithfields) why it failed, effects.
- 7) **A Civil war** – Stephen & Matilda, Wars of the Roses. (Long and Short term causes, one battle (Describe the battle, why winning side won, tactics and weapons used) Possible battles - Lincoln, The Standard, Barnet and Bosworth Field.
- 8) **Problems inherited by a king** – Henry II , John, Henry VII. Problems inherited and how they dealt with them. How successful were they at dealing with the problems?
- 9) **Monarch v The Church** - Henry II or John. Long and Short term causes of argument, events during argument, conclusion of argument, who was to blame? Who benefited most from argument?