

### Super Curriculum: History Year 8

The Super Curriculum complements the Avanti Grange taught curriculum. Super Curriculum activities take topics of study in the classroom further, allowing students to explore areas of interest in greater depth, and point students to additional topics of interest beyond the taught curriculum.

Super Curriculum activities can take a wide variety of forms. Students are free to choose the activity that most interests them. Participating in Super Curriculum activities will help students to broaden their horizons, nurture their love of learning, open their eyes to the world through different disciplines, and build their wider knowledge and cultural capital.





Read / Listen / Visit



Watch







Visit

# **British Museum Collecting and Empire Trail**

The British Museum have designed a trail that highlights some of the objects in its collections which were obtained through the activities of the British Empire across the world. You can read about the trail online; listen on the British Museum app; or visit the museum in London, if you get the chance to (entry is free).

### Resources/link:

https://www.britishmuseum.org/visit/object-trails/collecting-and-empire-trail# 1-object-trail

#### **BBC She-Wolves documentary**

Historian Helen Castor presents a series of documentaries (based on her book) called 'She Wolves: England's Early Queens'. Episode 3 covers Mary I, Lady Jane Grey and Elizabeth I, whilst the first episode looks at Empress Matilda and Eleanor of Aquitaine, who you learnt about in Year 7. Watch the whole series on BBC iPlayer by following the link below.

Resources/link: She-Wolves: Englands Early

Queens - BBC iPlayer

## Audley End House and Gardens (English Heritage)

Audley End house is an Elizabethan stately home built on the site of a former monastery that was closed down during the Reformation. During the Second World War, the Audley End estate was used to train soldiers who were fighting to defeat Nazi Germany.

We study Audley End House as part of our GCSE History course, so going to visit now could be a good way to start to learn more about the site.

				If you can't visit the site, the English Heritage website has lots of information that you can use to find out more about the history of the site and how it has been interpreted by English Heritage for the public.  Resources/link: Audley End House and Gardens   English Heritage	
	Read	9	Listen		Research / write / create
Read the book 'The Hungry Empire: how Britain's quest for food shaped the modern world' by Lizzie Collingham for an interpretation of Britain's imperial expansion explored through different food items connected with the empire.  Record your reflections on what you have learnt. How does the topic of food allow Lizzie Collingham to explore the theme of empire?		Choose 1 (or more!) episodes of the 'Empire Podcast' presented by William Dalrymple and Anita Anand to listen to. Note down some ideas about what you have learnt and any further questions you have from the episode(s) that you listen to.  The podcast is available on lots of different platforms — link to YouTube below.  Resources/link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN72FjV-mKjktLiaiV3zzJw/about		<ul> <li>Research the Commonwealth: a global organisation whose history is connected to the history of the British Empire.</li> <li>Which countries are part of the Commonwealth?</li> <li>What are the aims of the Commonwealth?</li> <li>What does the Commonwealth do?</li> <li>How is the Commonwealth related to the British Empire?</li> <li>What are some different opinions about the Commonwealth around the world?</li> <li>Use the Commonwealth website and news articles to help you with your research (the links below will help you get started). Present your findings as a poster or a podcast.</li> <li>Resources/link:</li> </ul>	

	https://thecommonwealth.org/
	https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-43715079 (there are lots of links within this article that might be
	helpful for your research too).