

Varsity College
Year 8 Humanities and Social Science - Semester 1, 2023

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	23-27 January Australia Day PH - Thurs	Introduction to Vikings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who were the Vikings? When did the Vikings exist? Where did the Vikings come from? 	
2-3	30 Jan – 10 Feb Swimming Carnival – Mon 30 TH January	Significant features Viking society and culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What were significant features of the Vikings' ways of life? (social, political, economic) Who were the important deities in Viking culture? Who were significant individuals from the time of the Vikings? What different roles and relationships existed in Viking society? 	
4	13-17 February	Vikings as Innovators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did significant developments and/or cultural achievements lead to the Viking expansion? What was significant about the weapons and shipbuilding of the Vikings? What was the extent of the Vikings trade? 	
5	20-24 February	Vikings as Barbarians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the Vikings create weapons and ships? What conquests were made by the Vikings? What relationships existed between Vikings and subject people? How did the Vikings use violence in their expansion? How was the Vikings' use of weapons and ships considered barbaric? 	
6	27 Feb – 3 Mar	Distribute Source Investigation (Lesson 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a source investigation? How do you frame an historical inquiry? How do you locate useful historical sources? 	
7	6-10 March GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you analyse a historical source? How do you evaluate a historical source? 	
8	13-17 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you analyse a historical source? How do you evaluate a historical source? 	
9	20-24 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment: Source Investigation Due 	Assignment Lesson 3
10	27-31 March Cross Country - Thurs	Culminating activities	
School Holidays: Saturday April 1 – Sunday April 16			
1	17-21 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was the structure of feudal society? What was the social and political organization of feudalism? 	
2	24-28 April ANZAC Day PH - Tues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was life like in a medieval town? What was the life expectancy and medical knowledge of people in Medieval Europe? What were peoples' beliefs about the power of God at this time? 	
3	1-5 May Labour Day PH - Monday GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What were the causes of the Black Death? What were the major trade routes of the time and what role did they have in the spread of the Black Death? What problems were created through this trade in relation to the spread and origin of the disease? 	
4	8-12 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did different groups in society respond to the spread of the disease? What were the symptoms of the Black Death? 	
5	15-19 May GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What were the effects of the Black Death on the populations of Europe, Asia and Africa? What were the conflicting theories about impacts of the Black Death in Europe? 	
6	22-26 May GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the Black Death change society at the time both in the short and long term? 	
7	29 May – 2 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the Black Death change society at the time both in the short and long term? 	
8	5-9 June GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam Preparation and Revision 	
9	12-16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam Preparation and Revision 	
10	19-23 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment: Examination – Short Response to Historical Evidence Culminating activities 	Exam Lesson 1
School Holidays: Saturday June 24 – Sunday July 9			