

Varsity College

Year 8 Humanities and Social Science – Semester 1, 2024

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	22-26 January O-Week Australia Day PH Fri	O-Week activities	
2	29 Jan-2 Feb	Introduction to Vikings	
3	5-9 February Swimming Carnival - Thurs	Significant features of 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 significant individuals from the time of the Vikings? 	
4	12-16 February	Vikings as Innovators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did significant developments and/or cultural achievements lead to the Viking expansion? 	
5	19-23 February	Vikings as Barbarians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the Vikings use violence in their expansion? How was the Vikings' use of weapons and ships considered barbaric? 	
6	26 Feb-1 Mar GC24 - Wednesday	Distribute Source Investigation (Lesson 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you frame an historical inquiry? How do you locate useful historical sources? 	
7	4-8 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you analyse a historical source? How do you evaluate a historical source? 	
8	11-15 March Y7, 9 NAPLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you analyse a historical source? How do you evaluate a historical source? 	
9	18-22 March Y7, 9 NAPLAN GC24 - Thursday	Assessment: Source Investigation Due	Assignment Lesson 3
10	25-29 March Good Friday PH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culminating activities 	
School holidays: Friday March 29 - Sunday April 14			
1	15-19 April Cross Country - Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was the structure of feudal society? What was the social and political organization of feudalism? 	
2	22-26 April GC24 - Tuesday Anzac Day PH - Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was life like in a medieval town? What were peoples' beliefs about the power of God at this time? 	
3	29 Apr-3 May	<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	6-10 May Labour Day PH - Mon	<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	13-17 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What were the effects of the Black Death on the populations of Europe, Asia and Africa? 	
6	20-24 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the Black Death change society at the time both in the short term? 	
7	27-31 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the Black Death change society at the time both in the long term? 	
8	3-7 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam Preparation and Revision 	
9	10-14 June GC24 - Wednesday	Assessment: Examination – Short Response to Historical Evidence	Exam Lesson 2
10	17-21 June Athletics Carnival - Thurs	Culminating activities	
School holidays: Saturday June 22 - Sunday July 7			