

British History

September

This month we will begin studying Great Britain. Our heritage is predominately English, as well as our political and legal history. We will start with a basic introduction to geography, emblems, etc.

Lesson #1.

Make 4 maps: political of Great Britain, geographical of Great Britain, British commonwealth on world map, and English speakers on world map.

Locate Great Britain on globe.

Read: Winnie the Pooh (Cody, Phoebe, Shine) and The Secret at Pheasant Cottage and Tanglewood Secret (JR, Z)

Look at pictures of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

Watch video: The Great Muppet Caper.

Lesson #2.

Finish maps.

Read: The House at Pooh Corner (Cody, Phoebe, Shine) and The Secret at Pheasant Cottage and The Tanglewood's Secret.

Draw flag and write out words to national anthem.

Watch video: Parent Trap II



Lesson #3.

Watch a travel video on England/London.

Discuss Kings & Queens. The line of succession to the throne.

Read: When we were Young (Cody, Phoebe, Shine) and

Draw a Queen or King, color and "mat" picture.

Do Visitors Guide and Travel Plans pages.

Watch video: 101 Dalmatians (real people).

Lesson #4.

Fill out climate and resources pages.

Learn about the geography, animals, plants, weather, natural resources.

Read: Tale of Jeremy Fisher, Peter Rabbit (SJ P)

Watch video: Beatrix Potter stories

OCTOBER

Lesson #5.

Read Essential British History pg. 1-5. Discuss.

Discuss Roman occupation of The British Isle and their culture, military and influence.

Make a standard (pg.128)

And Play with Katie Beth's catapult.

Make bath oil (pg.114).

Read: Outcast, The Eagle of the Ninth (Zack, Jenny Rose)

Watch video:

Anglo-Saxon Britain

Lesson #6

Read Essentials of British History pg.6-7.

Read: The Shining Company (Zack & Jenny Rose) and Augustine Came to Kent (Zack & Jenny Rose) Favorite Celtic Fairytales (Cody, Shine, Phoebe)

Color Celtic Times picture and "mat."

Watch video: Quest for Camelot.



Lesson #7.

Talk about Saxon and Viking invaders.

Read: A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (Zack & Jenny Rose)

Jack in the Beanstalk (Shine, Phoebe, Cody).

Color Celtic pictures and "mat."

Discuss legend of King Arthur.

Watch Video: A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court.

Lesson #8.

Discuss Ireland and St. Patrick.

Color Celtic Pictures and "mat."

Read St. Patrick (Zack & Jenny Rose)

Do Coat of Arms, Money, Employment and Economy pages.

Watch video: The Sword and the Stone.

Knights & Castles

Lesson #9.

Read Essentials of British History pgs. 8-13.

Read Door in the Wall (Cody, Zack, Jenny Rose).

Read Riddle Ages, May I Bring a Friend? (SJ, P)

Color Castle picture and "mat."

Watch video:

NOVEMBER

Lesson #10.

Read Essentials of British History pgs.14-17.

Read Robin Hood (Z, JR) Runaway Princess (SJ, P, Cody)

Color Castle picture and “mat.”
Start work on castle model.
Watch video: Robin Hood.

Lesson #11.

Discuss Richard the Lion Hearted, King John and the Magna Carta.

Do Calligraphy and copy some of magna Carta in a scroll and roll it up.

Read If All the Swords in England, The Lost Baron, Adam of the Road (Zack, Jenny Rose).

Work on Castle model.
Watch video: Princess of Thieves

Lesson #12.

Discuss Castle life.

Color Castle picture and “mat.”
Prepare feast: Meat pies and tarts.

Take turns being the jester with juggling and silliness and illusionary tricks.

Finish Castle model.
Watch video: Dragonheart

Lesson #13.

Discuss monasteries. Copy Scripture with calligraphy or pretty handwriting. Make scroll and carrier (pg.107-110). Writing done in Latin.

Read Days of Knights and Damsels pg.1-11 and 39-44.

Make curds & whey and porridge.

Watch video: A Knight’s Tale.

DECEMBER

Lesson #14.

Discuss Crusades.

Try on armor and make swords to joist.

Make Coat of Arms and Mini Banner (pg. 66-67)

Color castle picture and “mat.”

Do Government, Education & Population pages.

Watch video:

JANUARY

Lesson #15.

Discuss War of the Roses. Draw red rose (list names underneath) and white rose (list names underneath). Draw red and white rose together and tell house war of roses ended.

Make hats, pouch, cape, crowns, and dress up medieval.

Play games: checkers, dice and blind man's bluff.

Eat a "trencher" and make "mead."

Watch video:

Lesson #16.

Learn about John Wycliff.

Make a Christmas book.

Make gingerbread men and girls.

Make gingerbread ornaments out of sandpaper.



Lesson #17.

Review history learned so far.

Make a timeline.

Read The Prince and the Pauper and Edward VI: Josiah King (Z, JR) and The Whipping Boy (Cody)

Do The Arts, Recreation, Ways of Life, Customs pages.

Watch Video:

Elizabethan/Tudor/Stuart England

Lesson #18.

Read Essentials of British History pg. 18-27.

Read The Foundling, A Parcel of Patterns (Z, JR) Puss in Boots (Shine, Phoebe, Cody)

Color and "mat" Tudor & Elizabethan.

Do Food, Fashion, A Day in the Life, Opinions, and Evaluation pages.

Watch video: Disney video about Henry VIII's sister.

FEBRUARY

Lesson #19.

Discuss Exploration, Colonization, Spanish Armada and Slave Trade.

Read Robinson Crusoe (Z, JR) A Lion to Guard us (Cody, SJ, P)

Make maps of territories being explored.

Watch video: Hamlet (w/ Mel Gibson)

Lesson #20.

Discuss William Tyndale. The founding of the church of England, the battle between Catholics and protestants, and James I book of common prayer.

Read The Queen's Smuggler (JR, Z)

Color and "mat" Shakespeare picture.

Watch video: Midsummer's Night Dream.

Lesson #21.

Discuss Shakespeare, theatre and English Renaissance.

Read Bard of Avon, Shakespeare for Children (Z, JR, Cody).

Color and "mat" Shakespeare picture.

Watch video: Kiss Me, Kate (Taming of the Shrew)

Georgian England

Lesson #22.

Read Essential British History pgs. 28-35.

Read Chimney Sweep's Ransom and Horseman of the King (JR, Z) A Lion to Guard Us, A Garden of Verses (Cody, Phoebe, Shine)

Play with Pride and Prejudice paper dolls.

Watch video: Pride & Prejudice.

MARCH

Lesson #23.

Discuss John Wesley and Revival.
Discuss the Industrial Revolution
and American Independence.

Read Mother Goose poetry
(Cody, Shine, Phoebe) The
Foundling,
Treasure Island and Kidnapped (JR,
Z)

Watch video: Sense and
Sensibility.

Lesson #24.

Discuss Jacobite Rebellion and
accumulation of Canada, Australia,
and India.

Watch video:



Victorian England

Lesson #25.

Read Essential British
History pgs.36-41.

Color Victorian hotel picture and
“mat.”

Read The Bandit of Ashley Down
and Shanghied to China (Z, JR)
Tarzan, King Solomon’s Mines
(Cody) Beatrix Potter stories
(Phoebe, Shine)

Watch video: Tarzan

Lesson #26.

Discuss Charity, Corn Laws,
unions, nursing, education.

Read Freedom Fighter (Z, JR)

Color Victorian Hotel.
Watch video: Oliver Twist



APRIL

Lesson #27.

Discuss Queen Victoria and her family. Prince Albert's Glass Palace.

Read The Light Princess and Sherlock Holmes (JR, Z) The Country Artist: Beatrix Potter (all)

Play with Victoria and Albert Paper dolls.

Watch video: A Christmas Carol

Lesson #28.

Discuss Victorian times.

Read Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass (JR, Z)

Have a tea party.

Watch video: the Secret Garden

Lesson #29.

Discuss

Color Victorian Hotel pictures.

Read The Secret Garden and The Little Princess, (Z, JR), A Little Princess abrg (P, SJ)

Watch video: Went up a Hill, Came Down a Mountain.



Modern England

Lesson #30.

Read Essentials of British History pg.42-50.

Read Peter Pan, Mary Poppins and Mary Poppins Comes Back (JR, Z, Cody) The Velveteen Rabbit (SJ, P)

Watch video: Mary Poppins.

Lesson #31.

Discuss World War I, Great Depression, and Welsh Revival.

Read Goodbye, Mr. Chips, Three Go Searching, From Wales to Westminster and Rainbow Garden (Z, JR)

Watch video: My Fair Lady

Lesson #32.

Discuss World War II, Welfare state, Winston Churchill, Common Market and Decolonization.

Read British Bear Caper, Escape from Egypt, and New Zealand Shake-up. (Cody, Phoebe, Sarah Joy) From Wales to Westminster Railway Children (Z, JR)

Read DK Kids London. Make a geographical map and overlay maps of London through the centuries.

Watch video: Mrs. Miniver

MAY

Lesson #31

Discuss English worship song leaders and writers.

Discuss JRR Tolkein and CS Lewis.

Plan a visit to England. Make a travel brochure.

Read The Chronicles of Narnia and The Hobbit (JR, Z).

Watch video: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Lesson #32.

Discuss British Royal Family.

Read Dr. Do little (JR, Z)

Watch video: Dr. Dolittle

