

KS3 History- information for teachers

2014 National Curriculum links:

‘A local history study- a depth study... testing how far sites in their locality reflect aspects of national history’.

‘The development of Church, state and society in Britain 1509-1745- society, economy and culture across the period: for example... religion and superstition in daily life’.

Activities:

1) Mother Shipton trail- to be used as students go through the park:

- * Students go through the park spotting the key landmarks and features, using the pictures to guide them.
- *Booklet gives historical explanation of these landmarks.
- *Students answer questions about Mother Shipton and her life.
- *Activity in which students decipher what inventions Mother Shipton refers to in her prophecies and then chronologically order them.
- *Students introduced to the terms ‘period’ and ‘legacy’ and write a description of Mother Shipton and her life, incorporating key words from the word bank.

2) KS3 History powerpoint presentation (Witchcraft)- to be used as a follow on activity back in the classroom as students:

- * Think about their idea of a witch
- *Look at how someone was distinguished as a witch in the 16th Century
- *Look at the punishments for being a witch
- *Study Matthew Hopkins- the ‘Witchfinder general’ and his reign of terror
- *Carry out source work- to determine whether or not a confession is real

*Look at Mother Shipton and what superstitions she faced as a prophetess

*Study witch hunt factors and accusations

*Study findings from trials

*Look at the decline of the witch craze

3) Follow on activities as students:

* Imagine themselves to be involved in a witchcraft trial and write a diary account

*Produce a role-play re-enacting a witches trial

*Produce a poster warning people about witches

*Write a 17th Century report about Matthew Hopkins

Resources needed:

- *Pencils*
- *Rubbers*