

Welcome to **TM SouthHistorians** first newsletter, we aim to share great pedagogical practice and create an event that provides History Teachers in the southern region a great opportunity to network, share and learn some great teaching and learning ideas.

We are currently looking for other History teachers to join our team to help set up and shape this exciting opportunity, if you are interested please get in contact with us. If you are just excited about attending this event and maybe presenting please follow us on twitter to keep up to date with developments and to help share the news of this event.

This is our first newsletter sharing some good Teaching and Learning for History Teachers, as well as suggestions of others to follow on twitter and books to read. Hopefully you can enjoy this over a tea or coffee.

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Read Me: *A History Teaching Toolbox* By Russel Tarr

A practical and useful guide full of lesson ideas and activities. There are useful chapters on group work, essay skills, and much more. The ideas are easily adaptable and applicable to range of historical topics. A must have.

Rating:





A HISTORY TEACHING TOOLBOX

BY RUSSEL TARR

People to follow:



@RusselTarr A staple for any history teacher to follow. Creator of ActiveHistory and Class Tools.



@bones_carmel www.carmelbones.co.uk An Educational consultant who shares a great range of resource ideas. Very helpful to follow if you to AQA Elizabeth Unit with Hardwick Hall.



@MrThorntonTeach https://mrthorntonteach.c om/

Creator of a timesaving feedback sheet as well as some other historical activities and lesson ideas

<u>Idea 1</u>

Recap starters

A very simple and effective way to start a lesson, occasionally have starters which recap the previous lesson or a lesson/topic from weeks ago, this allows you to assess if the previous lesson was fully understood and will help to consolidate.

Examples:

Knowledge Bingo: Project on the board, a 4x4 grid with questions, students on their own or in pairs work to try and get a row, column or full house. Choose students to provide answers. This allows you to recap and correct and misunderstandings and get students to expand through questioning.

Differentiate by giving some students a copy of the grid in a prior lesson allowing them to recap at home before.

True or False: Include statements on the board about previous lessons with some being true and others false at the beginning of the lesson students must try work out the false ones and correct them to make them true.

<u>Idea 2</u>

Revision Clock

A great activity to recap a topic, divide a topic into twelve sections with headings for each. Students then have 5 minutes to fill each sections with as much as they can about that particular heading.

Try giving them 2 minutes on their own, 2 minutes to look through their book and then 1 minute with the person next to them.

To support students further you can project the worksheet onto the board and place images in each section to act as visual prompts.

<u>Idea 3</u>

Visual Hexagons

There are a lot of adaptions to this activity, all of which work well. One version is for each hexagon provide an image which students then make notes around to recap the topic. Students are then challenges to make links between each topic. This works well for revision and consolidation.

The hexagons can be cut out and instead placed on their tables and students make notes and links between the hexagons with whiteboard pens on their tables. Get groups to then move around adding to each others or correcting mistakes.

