



What should I already know?

I know that historians use several sources to find out about the past.
I can identify some key events in history that happened before I was born.
I know that timelines help to map out when events occurred.

History

Historians are like good detectives: they are curious and ask important questions about the past.

Technical vocabulary

Chronology	The time and order in which events happened.
Freeminer	an ancient title given to coal or iron miners in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire
Invade	To enter a place without permission

Romans 75AD – 410 AD

The Romans settle in Gloucester and visit the Forest. They build a temple in Lydney.

Anglo Saxons 500 – 1066 AD

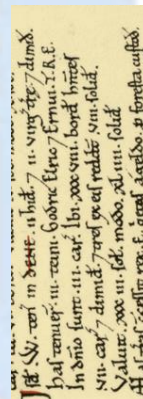
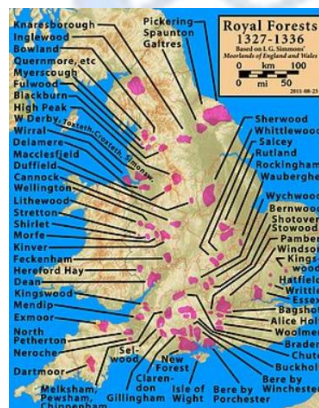
Anglo-Saxons invade Britain and use wood and iron from the Forest to build settlements. Offa's Dyke is built.

1066

William the Conqueror invaded Britain. The Normans went hunting in the Forest and established it as a Royal forest.

1085

The Domesday Book was written with evidence of Mitcheldean.



1253

Freeminers were established giving miners born in the Forest special rights to mine the iron.

1500s

During the Tudor reign, trees were cut down to be used to build ships.

1612

King James I allowed a 'King's Ironworks' to be set up. The Freeminers rioted over this.

1676

Speech House was built as one of 6 lodges for house wardens to protect the Forest.

FOREST OF DEAN