



Design School Lesson Plan

Historical Impact: A lesson learned

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TITLE OF LESSON

Historical Impact: A lesson learned - An analyses of key historical events and the implications they had on the world.

ACHIEVABLES

- Students will research significant world events throughout history.
- Students will explore the impact these events had on the world and specific societies.
- Students will learn to create an informative and effective infographic representing these events and related impacts.

SUGGESTED LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Use chronological sequencing to demonstrate the relationship between events and developments in different periods and places.
- Process and synthesize information from a range of sources for use as evidence in an historical representation.
- Gain a better understanding of cause and effect.
- Understand that information and data can be represented in a variety of ways for different purposes.

PREPARATION

- Students will each need access to a computer with internet connection.
- Present the [Canva Quick Guide](#) to onboard your class quickly.
- What is an infographic? [View this resource](#).
- Read teacher notes.

SUGGESTED LEARNING FLOW

Part I: A historical journey

Setup (5 minutes)

View parts of the [following video](#) on YouTube as a stimulus that demonstrates the chronological events that have occurred over time.

Make Connections (25 minutes)

Students list 5-8 significant events from the video and research the following:

- The specific details/data of the event - who, what, where, when, and how.
- The impact implications for the world - social, physical, economical, and spiritual.

Part II: Building Skills/Knowledge - Design an infographic that represents this information

Students will be using Canva to create this infographic. Introduce students to the Design School area of the Canva website with specific direction to [this resource page](#) on infographics.

Students collate events and place into chronological order. They then brainstorm and plan their infographic on paper, including possible icons and visuals that represent different data types (e.g. people icons to represent fractions or percentages data).

Students create data representation online using Canva, checking that the data is represented accurately. Students must also include the impact that event had. A [consolidation lesson](#) on cause and effect (causality) may be required.

Students upload their infographics and share via learning management system or social media. Images uploaded or used in Canva will be free to use under the [Creative Commons license](#).

Part III: Going Further

Students build on their infographic, including another 3-4 significant events and impacts. Students place them in sequential order.

Students make predictions of possible events and add them to their infographic. These predictions can be justified in some way through research and data (e.g. rising ocean waters by linking climate change details/data).

Students view each others infographics and create a formal debate on the top 3 major events that had the most impact on the world.

HOMEWORK/EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

- What other data can be represented through infographics?
- Create an original photographic design that represent you as an individual, your hopes and dreams, talents and passions.