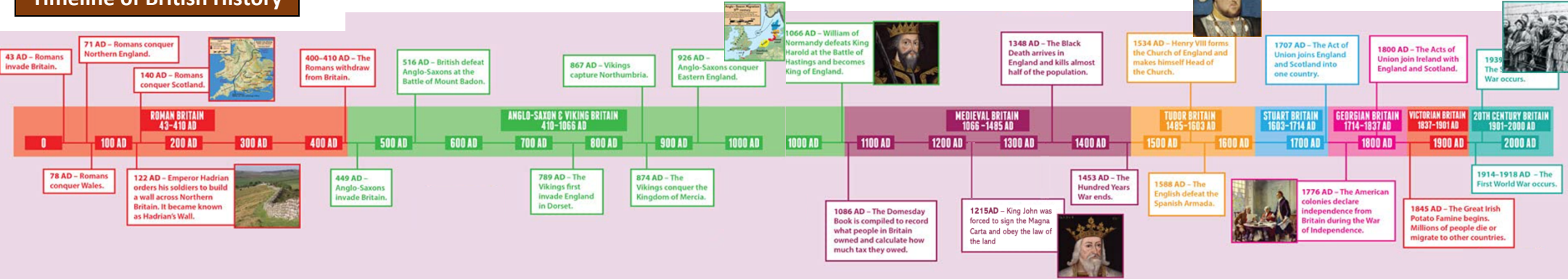


Y6 History: Why is Lincoln an important historical settlement?

Timeline of British History



Prior Learning

- I can chronologically sequence significant periods in British history.
- I know that key periods and civilisations occurred across the world, and sometimes overlapped each other (they were concurrent).
- I understand that everyday life changed across periods in history, and that the same settlement may be used differently over time.

The Beginning

- The first known settlement in Lincoln was by the River Witham at Brayford Water, dating back over 2000 years; it was called 'Lindo', the Celtic (Iron Age) word for 'pool'.

- The famous 'Witham Shield', belonging to a local tribe's chief, was found in the river heading east of Brayford. Now in the British Museum, the shield dates from 300BC.



Invaders and Settlers

- Lincoln became a major settlement in Roman Britain in 50CE (Lindum Colonia); a wooden fortress was built on the top of the hill.

- Many Roman ruins can still be seen in Lincoln; an important Roman road ran through Lincoln, connecting London to York (Ermine Street).



- The Vikings used the Roman walls to defend their settlement in Lincoln; it became an important centre for trade, issuing coins from its own mint.

Key Vocabulary

Brayford Water, River Witham, Lindum Colonia, Ermine Street, castle, William the Conqueror, Domesday Book, cathedral, medieval, civil war, King Stephen, Empress Matilda, siege, Magna Carta, King John, constitution, criminals, debtors, reformation, tank, University of Lincoln

Norman Invasion



- William the Conqueror saw the importance of the city, and ordered the building of Lincoln Castle in 1068, on the site of the old Roman fortress.

- In 1092, Lincoln Cathedral was completed, an important symbol of wealth and power; Lincoln grew to be the 4th largest city in the kingdom.

- Lincoln has been a seat of justice since 1068: the castle dungeon has housed and hanged witches and traitors, the prison held debtors and criminals, and Lincoln Crown Court still holds criminal trials today.



The Middle Ages



- Lincoln was at the centre of a civil war in the 12th century, between Queen Matilda (Henry I's daughter, the rightful heir to the English throne), and her cousin, Stephen; during the Battle of Lincoln (1141), Stephen placed the castle (loyal to Matilda) under siege, but he was defeated and captured. Matilda was never crowned queen, but she made sure her son became Henry II after Stephen's death.

- An original copy of the Magna Carta (1215) is kept in Lincoln; it said that the king and his government had to abide by the law, just like everyone else.



Industry, Invention and Beyond



- Lincoln boomed during the industrial revolution, excelling in the engineering industry - particularly in the production of air engines and tanks. The first tank was designed and built here in 1915, during World War I.

- Lincoln is an expanding, thriving city; it is home to one of the UK's fastest growing, top-class universities... what would you like to study if you went there?

