

British Historical Eras – Orienteering Race



Objective

- To put major British historical eras into chronological order.



Equipment

- Enrich School Orienteering Map
- Orienteering control markers
- Activity Sheet
- Answer Sheet



Preparation

- Teachers can use the prepared Activity Sheet.
- Alternatively, they can select a specific set of orienteering control points for this activity and insert the numbers for these control points into the editable Activity Sheet.
- Children could do this activity in pairs or small groups.
- Provide each pair/group with a copy of the Activity Sheet and an Enrich School Orienteering Map.
- Children need to be familiar with the term 'historical era' - a long period of time (a century or several centuries) that historians have given a specific name to.
- Each of these eras is a period in British history. Together, they span a very long time – many centuries of British history.



Instructions

- The Activity Sheet includes a series of major eras from British history. Each era is linked to a control point. There is also a column which children use to put the events in chronological order.
- Children use their orienteering map to locate the control points identified on their activity sheet.
- They select the British historical era that they think came first.
- They must then run to the control point that is linked with that era on their Activity Sheet.
- They record the first letter from the control marker in the 1st box of the column on their Activity Sheet.
- They must then decide which era came next in chronological order.
- They run to the marker that is linked to that era and record the first letter from the control marker in the 2nd box of the column on their Activity Sheet.
- They carry on until they have visited each control point on their Activity Sheet and have put each era in chronological order by recording the first letters in the column on their Activity Sheet.



Other information

- In British history, historical eras may be linked to technologies (stone age, iron age), to peoples (Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Normans) or to royal dynasties (Tudor, Stuart, Georgian, Victorian).
- Children should be made aware that this activity does not include every British historical era (e.g. it does not include Bronze Age or Edwardian Britain)

