HILBRE HIGH SCHOOL
HUMANITIES COLLEGE
Progress Through Endeavour

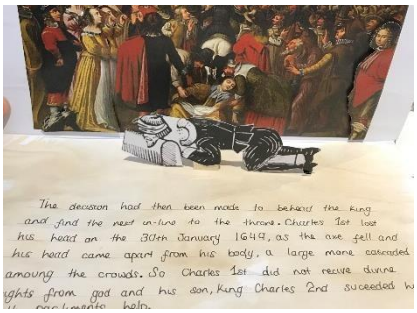
# History

# Transition Task:

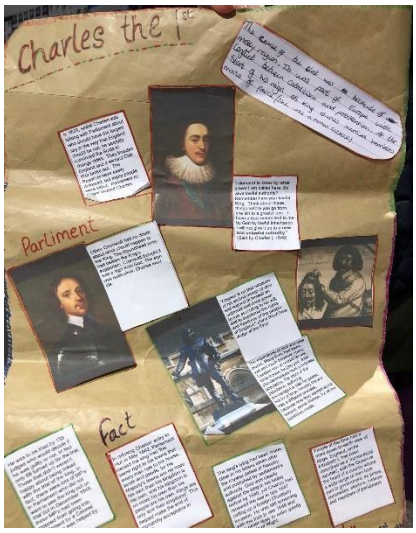
## Personal History Project

# What is a Personal History Project?

**The Personal History Project is your opportunity to produce an individual project on a history topic of your choice, which you have a personal interest in. This can be anything – within reason!**




You will research your topic in detail, before planning and creating a presentation about it. This could be in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, a display poster or an extended written piece of writing. You could also support your presentations with a model (like the church on the right), but the main focus should be on the written content.




## ADVICE/GUIDANCE

- Your project must have a **specific focus**. In other words, it should be about a specific person, event or thing. For example, *'The Victorians*' would be too broad; you would need to narrow it down to a particular aspect of the Victorian period, e.g. *'Victorian Inventions'*.

- You need to come up with an interesting **question**. This will be about your topic, which you will investigate and answer in your project. For example:
  - *What was the most important invention in the Victorian period?*
  - *How did World War One affect our local area?*
  - *Who was the most significant person in the Civil Rights movement?*

- Your topic must be easily researchable. Although we would encourage topics that are unique or haven't been done before, it mustn't be so obscure that it cannot be researched using books and the internet!

- On the next page is a checklist so you know what to include.

# Checklist - What to Include in Your Project

As you work on your presentation, make sure you have included as many of these as you can:

| SUCCESS CRITERIA | |
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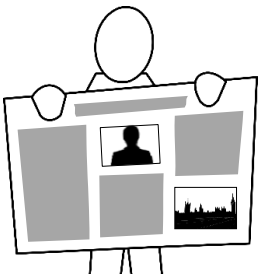
| I have based my project around an interesting question. | |
| I have explained why I have chosen my topic, and why it is important. | |
| I have included pictures/diagrams/maps. | |
| I have included information from at least **3** sources e.g. books, television programmes etc. | |
| I have included a bibliography (a list of the sources I have used). | |
| I have reached some kind of conclusion, which answers my question. | |

## Presenting Your Project

Finally, you need to think about how you will present your project. There are **3** options:

- **Feeling good**: A PowerPoint presentation (this should be printed to be marked)
- **Feeling great**: A large poster display
- **Feeling amazing**: An extended piece of writing



Your project may be supported by a model of some kind, but this should not be the main focus - the most important part is the written content. It is therefore worth bearing in mind that, whichever format you choose, you will be expected to include some written work. The purpose of this project is to produce a piece of work that is detailed and well researched.