**ESL/British History Planning for Grades 7, 8 and 9**

1. **Name the first inhabitants of the British Isles (3 groups). Talk about Iberians, Celts, and Britons. Talk about Druids and Bards. What Celtic kings/queens do you know? Talk about Boadicea and Caracatus.  What is Stonehenge? Where is it located? Give five explanations of its origin and the purposes it was used for.**

2. **Talk about Roman invasion to the British Isles. Roman emperors (Julius Caesar, Claudius, Hadrian) and their connection to Britain. When did they come to the British Isles? What British cities (towns) were built and named by Romans? Explain their names. What is Hadrian Wall? What Latin loan words in the English language do you know?**

3. **Talk about Anglo Saxon invasion to the British Isles. Name seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms on the territory of Britain and talk about their system of government (the Witan). Who were Scots and Picts?**

4. **Talk about Alfred the Great – the most famous Anglo-Saxon king. Why was he called “the Great”? Vikings (Norsemen) in England. Danelaw.  Poem “Danegeld” by R.Kipling**

5. **1066 was a special year in the history of England. Talk about Edward the Confessor. Talk about 3 kings who wanted to get the English throne in 1066. Talk about the Battle of Hastings. Talk about the Bayeux Tapestry. Talk about the Norman Conquest. What were the political, social, economic, cultural and linguistic consequences of the Norman Conquest?**

6. **Talk about the Royal House of Normandy and William I the Conqueror, the first king of the Norman dynasty.**

**Talk about bilingualism in England. Give examples.  
What French loan words in the English language do you know?    
What is Domesday Book? When and why was it written?**

7. **Henry II and Thomas Beckett. The Plantagenet Dynasty. The Royal House of Plantagenet. Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral. “Canterbury Tales” by Geoffrey Chaucer**

8. **John the Lackland. Magna Carta (The Great Charter). How has it influenced the world democracies? The main articles of Magna Carta.**

9. **Edward I Longshanks “the Hammer of the Scots”. Fight against Scotland and Wales.**  **Robert Bruce and William Wallace.**

10. **Britain in the Middle Ages. The Legend of Prince of Wales. Edward II.** **Edward III.**

11. **Britain in the Middle Ages. Richard II. Poll tax. The Great Peasants’ revolt of 1381. Wat Tyler. 100 Years’ War.**

12. **The conflict between the Yorkists and the Lancastrians – the Wars of the Roses (1455). Explain what civil war is. Development of printing and manufacture. Invention of the first printing press. William Caxton. Henry VII Tudor. The Tudor Dynasty. How did it appear?**

13. **The Tudor Dynasty.** **Henry VIII, “Defender of Faith”. Problems with Catholic Church. Creation of Protestant Church of England. English Reformation vs. European Reformation. Henry VIII, his wives (“Divorced, Beheaded, Died, Divorced, Beheaded, Survived”**) **and children** (**Edward VI,  Mary I (Bloody Mary).**

14. **Elizabeth I. Mary Stuart. Renaissance in Britain. Francis Drake. Spanish Armada. The Poor Law. Christopher Marlowe and William Shakespeare**.

**15.** **The Stuarts. James I. Problems with Parliament. Gunpowder plot.**

**16.** **The Stuarts. Problems with Parliament. Charles I, Charles II.**

**17.**  **Oliver Cromwell. Civil war in Britain. James II.**

**18.** **William III and Mary II.  Queen Anne. Hanoverian Dynasty. George I, George II, George III, George IV, William IV.**

**19.**  **Queen Victoria. Victorian Age. Queen Victoria, Empress of India. British Empire. Victorian Pioneers.**

**20.**   **King Edward VII. King Edward VIII. King George VI. Queen Elizabeth II. The Windsors.**

**Additional (Bonus) Questions:**

1. **Name 4 main parts of the United Kingdom and their capitals**
2. **What Germanic (Roman, Slavic) languages do you know?**
3. **What is the difference between “channel” and “canal”?**
4. **What separates Great Britain from the European Continent?**
5. **What is the name of its narrowest part?**
6. **Talk about Presidents’ Day. What positions did George Washington occupy in his life? The main achievements of President Abraham Lincoln. What is Gettysburg Address? Where was Abraham Lincoln killed?**
7. **Executive, legislative and judicial branches of power in the USA. What are they represented with?**
8. **Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa.**
9. **Chinese New Year**
10. **George Orwell “Animal Farm”**
11. **Martin Luther King and his speech “ I Have a Dream”**
12. **Mardi Gras. Easter.**
13. **St. Patrick’s Day.**
14. **Veterans’ Day. Anzac Day.**

**Poems:**

- **“ If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again”**

- **“ The Raven” (by E. A. Poe)**

- **“ Dreams of the Children”**

-  **Love poems**

- **Limericks**

- **Poem about William Wallace.**

**- Poem “Danegeld” by R.Kipling**

**-  Poem “What Say the Reeds of Runnymede” by R.Kipling**

**-  Soliloquy (by W.Shakespeare)**

**-  Sonnet 130 (by W. Shakespeare)**

**-  Poem on Queen Victoria**