**Question: *What are the key turning points in the story of power?***

*You will refer to a range of events (you should choose 3 events) that you have studied, including any 3 from the following;*

* *Magna Carta*
* *The beheading of Charles I and the Bill of Rights*
* *The Reformation*
* *The Enlightenment*
* *Women’s suffrage*

This assessment is testing your knowledge and understanding of the story of power. It is focused on the concept of significance and historical turning points. You should make sure that you show an understanding of what makes an event a turning point. This essay is also testing your ability to explain things clearly, using the evidence you have prepared. You will have time to gather your thoughts and make a plan and then two lessons to write your ideas up.

The assessment is testing 3 important Historical Concepts and Skills

1. **Historical knowledge**

TIP: Make sure you know specific facts about the events that you have chosen to write about – give specific examples and include names, dates and key events.

1. **Significance and Turning points**

TIP: Remember that a turning point is an event that leads to a significant change afterwards. We are looking at power – which events changed the position of power?

1. **Writing in a clear way**

TIP: Remember to write in paragraphs, have an introduction which gives the background to the period of study, and a conclusion which explains your overall opinion. Use the IDEA structure to help you structure your paragraphs.

**Things to consider for this assessment**

* You need to select three events from the list above. They should be the three most significant events in the story of power.
* You should make it clear why you think each event led to a change in power by explaining what it was like before and how it was different afterwards.
* You should conclude by choosing the one event that you think is the most significant and explain why that one is more important than the others.

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| **Writing history – literacy tips** | |
| **When you want to give examples:**  **For example…**  For instance…  This can be seen in…  This is shown by…  This can be proven by…  This is revealed by…  **When you want to contrast:**  However…  On the other hand…  Although…  Despite this…  On the contrary…  Instead…  Whereas…  In contrast…  **When you want to prove impact:**  This led to…  This resulted in…  As a result of…  This meant that…  **When you want to stress something:**  Above all…  In particular…  Especially…  Significantly…  Mainly…  Mostly…  Usually  More importantly…  Fundamentally…  Crucially…  ***When you need to sum up:***  In conclusion…  Finally…  On balance…  In summary…  Having considered the evidence…  Overall…  To conclude… | **When you need to list things:**  Firstly…  Secondly…  Thirdly…  Finally…  **When you need to explain both sides of the argument:**  On the other hand…  Whereas…  However…  Alternatively…  **When you need to highlight similarities**  In the same way…  Likewise…  Similarly…  As with…  Compared with…  **When you want to add something to what you have written:**  Also…  As well as…  Moreover…  In addition…  Furthermore…  **When you need to explain why something happened:**  Therefore…  Consequently…  One consequence of this was…  This meant that…  Due to…  This caused…  **When you want to use evidence:**  **The evidence suggests…**  According to…  The evidence demonstrates…  The evidence contrasts with…  The evidence is useful because…  The evidence illustrates… |