



Historical Association  
The voice for history

# WELCOME

TO HA MEMBERSHIP

A man with a beard, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie, is seated at a table in a meeting. He is gesturing with his hands while speaking to a woman whose back is to the camera. The table is covered with papers and a blue folder. In the background, a poster titled "This House" is visible on the wall.

*“By joining you’ve become part of a vibrant subject community made up of thousands of different people with a shared interest: history!”*

A woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a black top and an orange lanyard, is engaged in a conversation with another woman whose blonde hair is visible on the left. The woman with glasses is smiling and looking towards the other woman.

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# A warm welcome

## **We are delighted to welcome you as a member of the Historical Association.**

By joining you've become part of a vibrant subject community made up of thousands of different people with a shared interest: history!

Whether you want to gain access to high quality teaching support, undertake training to help you to develop expertise and to progress in your career, or simply want to delve further into a subject you love, you're in the right place. We hope that this leaflet will give you practical guidance as you start out, but also help you to find where your next step could take you.

At the Kennington office (known as 59a) we have a small but active team of professional officers working to support you daily. However, we are also vitally supported by the inspirational work of hundreds of volunteers across the UK, from historians and academics to education specialists and enthusiasts who make up our committees, contribute to our journals, deliver events, and organise our local branches network – all with the unifying aim of furthering the HA's core vision: the 'history of all for all'.

Since its inception in 1906, that bringing together of the whole history community to share expertise and passion for the subject is one of the things that makes the HA so unique.

We know that your time is precious but hope you will take the opportunity to get involved however you are able to. By getting to know other members, sharing your feedback, taking part in activities, and contributing to the rich tradition of historical debate, your voice will be heard.

As well as opening up a world of historical and professional support, your membership is crucial in helping to protect the HA's ongoing work as an independent charity. Simply by being a member you are an important part of this. Thank you so much for your valued support.

Welcome on board, and we look forward to working with you!

## **With best wishes from the HA team**



# 5 steps to get started today

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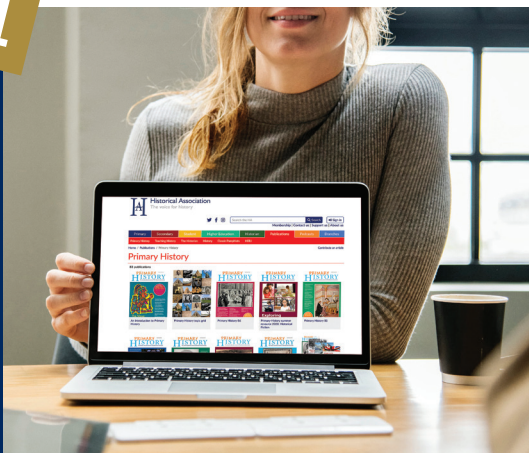
## Get logged in

*Your entry point to a wealth of resources*

Membership unlocks thousands of teaching and history resources on the HA website:

**[www.history.org.uk](http://www.history.org.uk)**

Log in today and start exploring. Access the section of the website associated with your membership, your journal(s) in the Publications section, and HA podcasts.



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## Add CPD dates to your diary

*A range of opportunities to fit your schedule*

Check this term's CPD calendar for all the key dates for your diary! Selected sessions are free to members, and the remainder are heavily discounted by up to 40%.

PRIMARY  
CPD CALENDAR



SECONDARY  
CPD CALENDAR



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## Book a membership webinar

*Practical guidance and Q&A*

We run 'Making the most of your membership' webinars designed for new joiners. Join live or watch a recording of the latest session.



## 4 Look out for your welcome emails

*Bitesize introductions direct to your inbox*

Over the coming weeks we'll be sending you a few emails to introduce you to key elements of your membership and how to make use of them – keep an eye out!

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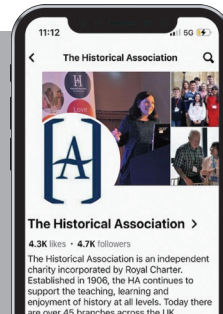


## 5 Follow the HA on social media

*Get connected with the HA network*

For daily updates follow us on social media on X, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn @histassoc

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(And one extra step if you're a corporate member!):

## 6 Set up your staff and student logins

*Share the support across your school*

If you're a corporate member, you can register up to 12 members of staff on your account at primary level, or 8 members of staff at secondary level so that they can enjoy the same great resources and event access as you.

Corporate secondary members also benefit from a Student Zone login which is emailed to you when you verify your own login.

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## If you need a hand...

The HA membership team is here to support you, so please don't hesitate to get in touch! We can help with practical queries and can also offer guidance in finding the support and CPD you need.

If you're having issues out of hours, check our FAQs or 'how to' video guides in the Membership section of the website.

[membership@history.org.uk](mailto:membership@history.org.uk)

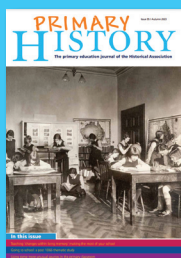
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Lines open weekdays,  
9.30am–5.30pm

# Quick introductions and FAQs

## When will I receive my first journal?

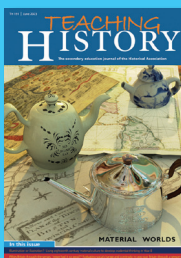
This will depend on when you've joined and where this falls in the publication schedule. However, you can access past editions in digital format through the Publications section right away.



### Primary History

Published termly  
February, May and  
October

Advice, resources and support for planning and delivery at EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

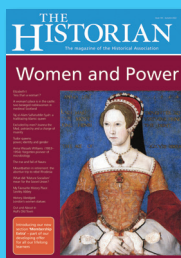


### Teaching History

Published quarterly  
March, June,  
September and  
December

Explores current issues in the secondary history classroom and examines pedagogy

and best practice, with adaptable case studies and research.



### The Historian

Published quarterly  
January, April, July  
and November

Our general interest history magazine, each edition examines lesser-known topics and shines light on well-trodden areas from a new perspective.



### HA News

Published March  
and September

The HA's all-member magazine keeping you up to date with some of the fantastic work of members and with

what's coming up.



## Where should I start with digital resources?

The HA website is brimming with materials, but if you want a few pointers to help you start out, this page will help.

### PRIMARY

**Schemes of work** cover all curriculum units and provide a balance of rigorous knowledge development while mapping progression in key skills. Adapt and develop to fit the context of your school.

**Subject leader guides** are exclusive to corporate members and share recommendations for key areas to consider as a history subject leader, from progression to planning.

**Local significant individuals** resources provide suggestions of individuals who may offer a fruitful local study, inspire your



pupils and bring the heritage of your locality to life.

### SECONDARY

In the Curriculum section you'll find help with planning, assessment and progression, embedding diversity, departmental development plus:

**Lesson sequences** produced as part of Teacher Fellowship programmes, plus corporate member sequences linked to articles featured in *Teaching History* that can be adapted.



**Beginning Teacher Unit** with 360-degree subject-specific guidance for

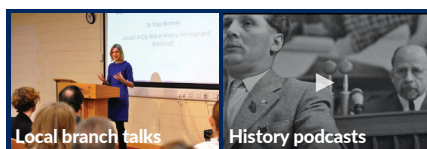
those supporting trainees and trainees themselves, including resource links, activities and training films.



### Student Zone

access for corporate members with A-level and GCSE topic guides, podcasts, films,

revision support, and advice on transition to university and careers with history.



Local branch talks

History podcasts



Monthly webinars

### SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE SUPPORT

Working closely with historians, the HA offers a unique pool of free member resources to keep your subject knowledge broad and current:

- **450 history podcasts** delivered by experts
- **Subject knowledge webinars** held monthly with specialists
- **Short courses** combining lectures, workshops and resources
- **Local branch talks and visits** at 45 locations around the UK
- **HA Virtual Branch** monthly webinars and recordings for members



## How can membership support my professional development?

The HA offers high quality CPD wherever you are based, whatever your level of experience and however much time you have available. From bitesize films and hour-long webinars to day courses, conferences and online development programmes, there's something for every need. Courses and programmes we run regularly include:

### PRIMARY

#### Getting to grips with primary history

– Equips those who are new to teaching history with greater confidence, including navigating key skills and concepts.

**Becoming an effective primary history subject leader** – From making the case for history to developing an innovative, inclusive and effective history curriculum.

**Practical approaches to teaching primary history** – Ensures quality coverage of the National Curriculum through practical, creative methods.

### SECONDARY

#### History Teacher Development

**Programme** – For those in years 2–4 of their career who want to teach even more ambitious and rigorous history.

#### Subject Leader Development

**Programme** – Equips new, emerging and established history leaders for the demands of the role.

#### A Masterclass for Senior Leaders

– Blends practical and theory-based CPD to support non-subject specialist line managers of history departments.

**Visit our CPD section online for more**

# HA Annual Conference

## Where innovation meets history

There are too many reasons to list why the HA Annual Conference is the highlight of the history year! Conference provides a wonderful forum for the HA's many members to come together and explore our dynamic subject while enjoying world-class CPD.

As well as plenty of opportunities for mental stimulation, there is time for meeting like-minded members during the breaks and at the HA quiz and dinner.

## CONFERENCE 2025: 9–10 May, LIVERPOOL

Highlights of HA Annual Conference:

- 3 keynote lectures from eminent historians and speakers
- 80 sessions and workshops to choose from
- 3 local walks and visits
- 400 attendees with a shared interest in history

Members enjoy exclusive early bird rates and savings of 40%.



[www.haconference.com](http://www.haconference.com)



# How can I gain formal recognition through the HA?

We want to celebrate the fantastic work that you are doing and offer trustworthy accreditation routes.



The **Quality Mark (QM)** framework is an immersive professional development programme providing an analysis of the health of history in your school and pathways to recognition and improvement.

The **Chartered Teacher of History (CTHist)** is an accreditation for individuals that distinguishes a high level of expertise in historical knowledge and understanding and age-appropriate pedagogy.

# How else can I get involved?

## COMPETITIONS

HA competitions are an engaging way to get primary and secondary pupils involved in history while developing a range of skills – from our Talking History and Great Debate speaking competitions, to the Write Your Own Historical Fiction and Young Quills competitions.



## ONE BIG HISTORY DEPARTMENT

If you're a secondary member, subscribe to the 'OBHD' (One Big History Department) blog for discussion of topical issues and inspirational ideas.

## VOLUNTEERING

If you'd like to give back while gaining new skills, connections, and career opportunities, visit the 'Support Us' section of the website.



# HA Membership connects you to...



Practical resources



Pedagogical development



Quality CPD



Strong subject knowledge



Career progression



A supportive community