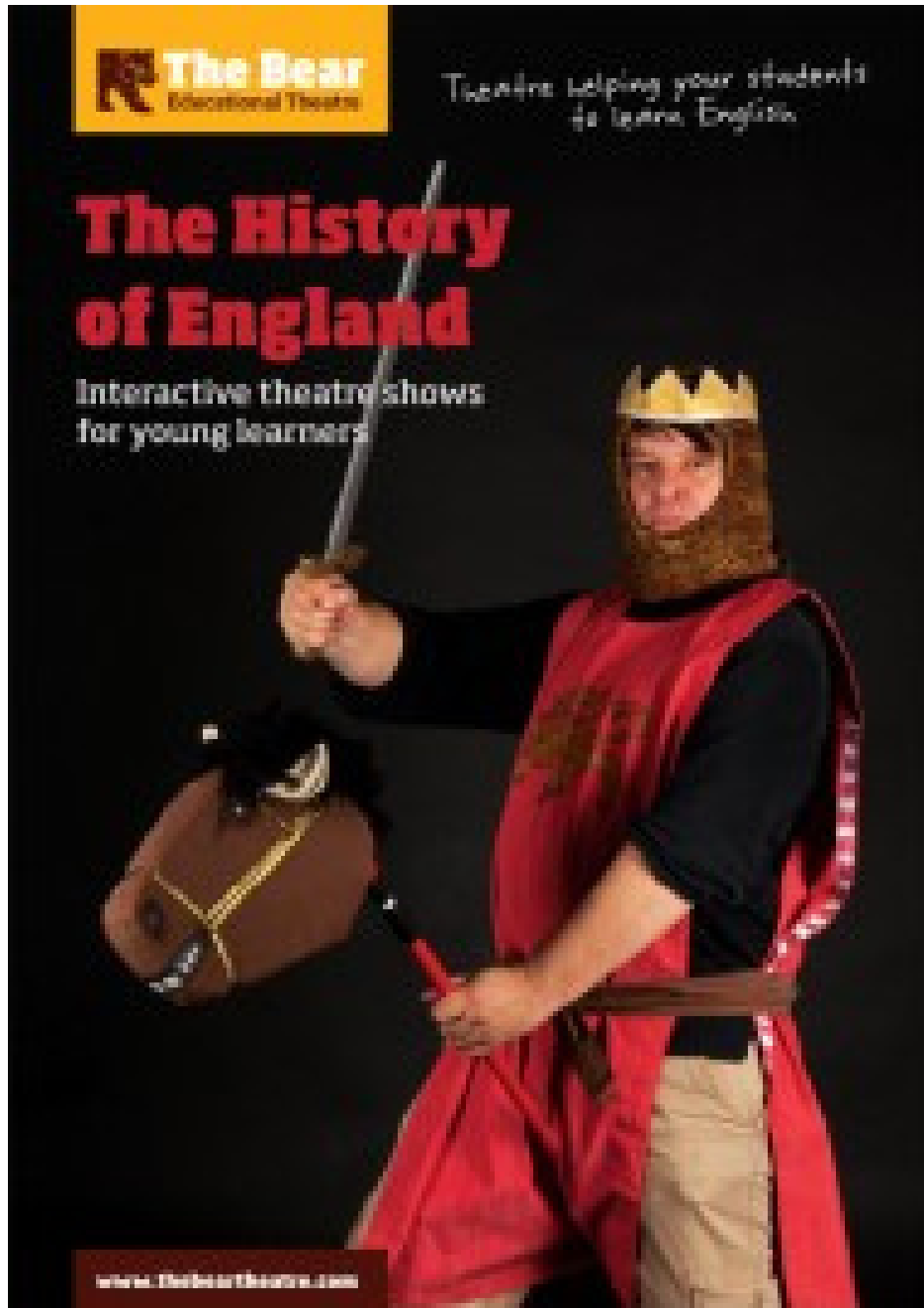




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Teaching Materials to the show



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EXERCISE 1

These are the periods of English History that we look at in the show. Can you make true sentences by combining sections A, B, and C? E.g. The Romans invaded Britain in 45 AD.

SECTION A

- The Romans
- Queen Elizabeth I
- The Celts
- The Battle of Hastings
- The Anglo-Saxons
- Alfred the Great
- The Wars of the Roses
- Henry VIII
- The Dark Ages

SECTION B

..... invaded England

..... built Stonehenge

.....organised the Anglo-Saxon army, translated important books from Latin into Old English and started a school system.....

.....separated England from Rome and founded the Church of England

.....is when William the Conqueror of Normandy (France) beat Harald of England.....

.....is when the House of York fought the House of Lancaster.....

.....came to England from Germany and had many battles with Vikings.....

.....saw some of the original performances of Shakespeare's plays.....

.....is when many people died in wars and from the Black Death.....

SECTION C

..... in 45 AD.

..... in 1066.

..... in 1534.

..... during the later part of her reign 1558 – 1603.

..... between 1455 and 1487.

..... before the year 0000.

..... in the 12th and 13th centuries.

..... between 871 and 899.

..... in the centuries following the year 400 AD.

EXERCISE 2

Find out if the following statements are true or false?

The Romans

- They founded the city of London.
- They spoke Latin.
- They gave England its name.

The Vikings

- They invaded England from the Northern European countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.
- They gave England its name.
- They were peace-loving people who soon settled and married with the Anglo Saxons.

The Dark Ages

- The Dark Ages are called the Dark Ages because there was no electricity.
- Christianity was still not established in England at this time

The Tudors

- King Henry VIII founded the Church of England because the pope would not let him divorce Catherine of Aragon.
- *King Henry VIII never had a son.*
- *Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth were sisters and they were both strong believers in the Catholic faith.*

EXERCISE 3

The English language

Look at these modern English words.

Knife, fork, letter, penguin, age, key, chicken, fruit, dessert, language, a.m and p.m.

Which language are they originally derived from?

Celtic Latin Anglo-Saxon (Old English) French?

EXERCISE 4

The Hundred Years war.

Put these sentences in the right order to tell the basic story of the Hundred Years War.

A - Henry V died young and Henry VI became king as a young child. He was a weak king though who preferred to study rather than fight. England lost much of its French land under Henry VI.

B - When Edward died his brother Richard became king. According to legend Richard killed his two young nephews in the Tower of London in order to do this.

C - Eventually the house of York came out on top and Edward IV became king.

D - Henry V won a famous victory in France at the Battle of Agincourt. At that time much of northern France belonged to England.

E - In 1399 Richard II was king. He banished his cousin Henry and took his money to use in the wars against Ireland.

F - Again according to legend Richard was a tyrant and an unpopular king. Henry Tudor came from France and killed Richard.

G - Henry came back to England and forced Richard to give him the crown. He became Henry IV. He had a son, Henry.

H - Henry Tudor made his symbol a white and red rose together. He became king Henry VII, the first monarch of the Tudor dynasty.

I - A civil war started. The king was supported by the house of Lancaster, whose symbol was a red rose. The house of York whose symbol was a white rose fought against him. These were the Wars of the Roses.

Shakespeare described the story of the Hundred Years War in a series of plays. Here are some famous quotes from those plays. In Shakespeare, which king said....

1. For God's sake let us sit upon the ground and tell sad tales about the death of kings.

2. A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse!

3. Once more unto the breach dear friends once more. Or plug up the walls with our English dead.

Richard III

Henry V

Richard II

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION - It isn't very important to study history. It is better to spend time learning how the world is today rather than how it was hundreds of years ago. What do you think?