While reading
Chapter 1
1 Write the names from the box in the right places.

Alfred the Great  Julius Caesar  King Cnut
King Edward  Harold Hardrada
William the Conqueror

a He had no children. He died in 1066.
………………………………………………
b He was King of Norway. In 1066 his army invaded England.
………………………………………………
c He was a Norman. He became King of England.
………………………………………………
d He was a great Roman leader.
………………………………………………
e He defeated the Vikings and sent them away from Britain.
………………………………………………
f He was a Viking king of England.
………………………………………………

Chapter 2
2 Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

Catholic conquered destroyed
independence parliament Protestant terrible trouble

a There were a few years of ................... for Wales – in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.
b Scotland was ...................... by Edward I at the end of the thirteenth century.
c In 1707, the Scottish ...................... voted to join England.
d In 1745, the English ...................... complete Scottish villages.
e British rule brought Ireland very little money and a lot of ......................
f In the sixteenth century, most people in England became ......................
g Most ...................... people in Ireland ate little except potatoes before 1840.
h When potatoes failed to grow in Ireland, the result was ......................

Chapter 3
3 Put these sentences in order, 1–10.

a Henry ended his marriage with Anne of Cleves, an ugly German princess.
b Henry closed the Catholic church and started a new church in England.
c Anne Boleyn gave Henry a daughter, Elizabeth.
d Edward started to make England more Protestant.
e Henry married his brother’s wife.
f Elizabeth I ruled England for forty-five years and made the country strong.
g Henry’s son with Jane Seymour, Edward, was born.
h Thomas Wolsey went to Rome to talk to the Pope about Henry’s marriage.
i England got a Catholic queen – Henry’s daughter, Mary.
j Henry’s third wife, Jane Seymour, died.

4 Choose the right answer.

a Elizabeth I wanted to find a middle way for .....  
1) religion.  
2) Catholics.  
3) monasteries.
b For Catholics, the true ruler of England was .....  
1) Henry VIII.  
2) Elizabeth I.  
3) Mary Queen of Scots.
c For nineteen years, Mary lived in England as a .....  
1) queen.  
2) prisoner.  
3) Protestant.
d The Spanish ships hit a terrible storm and were .....  
1) defeated.  
2) decided.  
3) destroyed.

Chapter 4
5 Are these sentences right (√) or wrong (X)?

a Both King John and James I had problems with Parliament.  
X
b King John wanted strong government, so he wrote the Magna Carta.  
X
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6 These people all helped to shape British government. What did they do? Why were they important?
   a King John
   b Oliver Cromwell
   c George I

Chapter 5

7 There are ten wrong words. Circle them and write the correct words.
The world's first factories were built in Britain in the 17th century. Inside the factories, big machines made cloth much faster than before. They used local wool and cloth from America too. But these machines did not help the poor workers – only the factory builders got richer. Factory-class families often lived in big, cheap houses in new towns, close to the factories. There was no clean water and illness travelled quietly. Workers did not win a lot of money, so the children had to work too. Some children worked for eight hours a day. The ordinary workers became very happy, but it was difficult to change anything. If workers started a travel union, they lost their jobs. If they refused to work, they were not paid.

Chapter 6

8 Answer these questions.
   a Who travelled from England to America to practise their religion?
   b Who attacked British soldiers in Calcutta?
   c Who were sent in large numbers to Australia?
   d Who invaded Egypt in 1798?
   e Who was killed in the Battle of Trafalgar?
   f Who was pleased with her title – 'Empress of India'?
   g Who killed the future emperor of Austria?
   h Who invaded Poland in 1939?

After reading

9 Answer these questions.
   a How many countries are there in the United Kingdom? What are they?
   b Was Britain ever part of the Roman Empire?
   c Whose love life brought a new religion to Britain?
   d Who was Boudica?
   e Why was Elizabeth I important for England?
   f When did Britain lose its empire?
1. Are these sentences about Boudica right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
   a. Boudica was in the Roman army.  ✓
   b. Boudica was married to a local English king.  ✗
   c. Boudica invaded Wales and Scotland.  ✓
   d. Roman soldiers attacked her and her daughters.  ✓

2. What happened to Henry VIII's six wives? Choose the right answer. You can use the same answer more than once.
   a. Katharine of Aragon …..
   b. Anne Boleyn …..
   c. Jane Seymour …..
   d. Anne of Cleves …..
   e. Catherine Howard …..
   f. Catherine Parr …..
      1) divorced
      2) died
      3) survived
      4) beheaded*  ✗
   *Her head was cut off.

3. Choose one or more of the words in the box for each character.
   queen  childless  unhealthy  intelligent
   handsome  Catholic  Protestant  popular
   French  powerful  killed
   a. Boudica
   b. William the Conqueror
   c. Henry VIII
   d. Mary I
   e. Elizabeth I
   f. Charles I
   g. Queen Victoria

4. Match the two parts of the sentences.
   a. Soon after the Roman army left Britain, …..
   b. The Saxon's language grew into modern English, but as a result of the Norman invasion, …..
   c. Henry VIII closed the Catholic Church …..
   d. The Protestants in the north of Ireland refused to be part of a Catholic Irish state, …..
   e. When the countries of the Empire became independent, …..
      1) so Ireland was cut in two.
      2) most of them joined the Commonwealth.
      3) invaders from present-day Germany and Denmark, the Angles and Saxons, came to Britain.
      4) and started a new one, the Church of England.
      5) half the words in today's English language come from French.

5. Put these names in the right order. Write 1–5.
   a. Alfred the Great …..
   b. Edward …..
   c. Harold …..
   d. King Cnut …..
   e. William the Conqueror …..

   Write 6–9.
   f. Edward I …..
   g. Henry II …..
   h. Henry III …..
   i. King John …..

   Write 10–13.
   j. Edward VI …..
   k. Elizabeth I …..
   l. Henry VIII …..
   m. Mary I …..

   Write 14–22.
   n. Charles I …..
   o. Charles II …..
   p. Elizabeth II …..
   q. George I …..
   r. James I …..
   s. James II …..
   t. Oliver Cromwell …..
   u. Queen Anne …..
   v. William and Mary …..

6. Were these countries ruled by Britain? Circle YES or NO.
   a. America  YES  NO
   b. Canada  YES  NO
   c. Japan  YES  NO
   d. India  YES  NO
   e. Egypt  YES  NO
   f. Spain  YES  NO
   g. Prussia  YES  NO
   h. Poland  YES  NO
   i. Australia  YES  NO
   j. South Africa  YES  NO
   k. China  YES  NO
   l. Pakistan  YES  NO