



Viva Exam – Yr.8 History– HT 1.2

Your **Viva exam** supports you in developing your confidence, self-expression and curricular understanding. It does so by improving your **oracy**.

When a University student writes a thesis (their final paper or exam), they have to defend what they have written whilst their Professors ask questions. This is often referred to as a **Viva exam**.

Viva is short for **Viva Voce**, this is the Latin for ‘with living voice’, or in other words **spoken** not written.

Across this Half Term you will prepare for a **Viva exam** on the curricular area we are studying, this will be **instead** of your End of Term exam.

Your teacher will support you in **preparing** by **suggesting** what you may speak about, **providing** materials to support you, **checking** in on your planning and progress and giving you **feedback** after you have spoken so that you know what you have done well and what you will need to improve, next time.

This pack contains the basic materials and guidance you will need, to prepare for your **Viva exam**.

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Student Name:

Expectations:

Team objectives:

- To teach a mini lesson, taking responsibility for the teaching of one West African Kingdom.
- To decide and share key information with the rest of the class- be the expert in the room and teach them about your allocated kingdom.
- To prepare a shared PowerPoint slide that includes a map and a timeline showing the key dates when the kingdom existed. You may also have images to support your presentation.
- To plan and deliver a 5 minute lesson activity to the rest of the class (this could take the form of a worksheet, a quiz, a game, an activity led from the board, or another of your design). It should help to recap the information from your lesson. This will be planned and delivered as a team. It will not contribute to your personal mark.

Individual Viva objective:

- You will be given a specific area to research and present as part of your group.
- You will have 2 minutes to speak confidently about your area of expertise.
- You may have 1 cue card to support your presentation.
- You will be given a source pack, but you may also use any books or websites in your research at home.

<u>Group 1</u>	<u>Group 2</u>	<u>Group 3</u>	<u>Group 4</u>	<u>Group 5</u>
<u>The Kingdom of Mali</u>	<u>The kingdom of Songhay</u>	<u>The Kingdom of Benin</u>	<u>The Kingdom of Asante</u>	<u>The Kingdom of Kongo</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to the Kingdom of Mali- geography, timeline, significant moments? 2. What can we learn from the primary evidence about the Kingdom of Mali? 3. Who was Sunjata Keita and how did the Mali Kingdom expand under his reign? 4. Who was Mansa Musa and why is he so famous? 5. Why did Timbuktu get a reputation for being ‘the centre of learning’? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to The Kingdom of Songhay- geography, timeline, significant moments? 2. How did the kingdom become so powerful? 3. What was life like in the Kingdom? 4. What was so great about Askia the Great? 5. Why did the kingdom fall? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to the Kingdom of Benin- geography, timeline, significant moments? 2. How did the kingdom of Benin become so powerful? 3. What was so mighty about Benin city? 4. What was life like in 17th century Benin? 5. Why did the kingdom fall? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to The Kingdom of Asante- geography, timeline, significant moments? 2. How did the kingdom of Asante become so powerful? 3. Why is Asante remembered as the ‘kingdom of gold’? 4. How important were women in the Asante Kingdom? 5. Why has Yaa Asantewaa been remembered as a symbol of power? 6. How and why did the Asante kingdom fall? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to The Kingdom of Asante- geography, timeline, significant moments? 2. How did the Kingdom of Kongo become so powerful? 3. How was the Kingdom of Kongo ruled? 4. What did people in the Kingdom of Kongo believe? 5. How and why did the Kingdom of Kongo fall?

Marking and Grading:

As with your End of Term, your Viva will be given a 0-9 grade, students should always aim to meet or exceed their target grade. However, there is no need to feel bad if you don't, all this means is that you are learning and making progress!

Your total marks will be multiplied by five to produce a percentage, just like you get in your other End of Term exams, the teacher will then convert this percentage so that your termly report can show a grade in this area.

Viva exams are marked in four categories, please see the mark scheme below:

Preparation Mark:	Level 3 – Award 4-5 Marks Complete and exemplary evidence of written preparation.
	Level 2 – Award 2-4 Marks Purposeful but incomplete evidence of written preparation.
	Level 1 – Award 0-2 Marks Limited or no written evidence of preparation.
Timing and Content Mark:	Level 3 – Award 4-5 Marks Speaks for the full allocated time, without pause or interruption. Speaks exclusively on the subject selected, is precise, concise and purposeful. Speaks without the use of any written or visual aids.
	Level 2 – Award 2-4 Marks Speaks for more than half of the allocated time, with limited pause or interruption. Speaks exclusively on the subject selected, but lacks precision and focus at times.
	Level 1 – Award 0-2 Marks Speaks for less than half of the allocated time and or fails to focus on the subject and lacks purpose.
Manner and Presentation Mark:	Level 3 – Award 4-5 Marks Projects and modulates consistently, uses rhetorical skill, body language and positioning throughout and with exemplary effect.
	Level 2 – Award 2-4 Marks Projects well but modulates and uses body language inconsistently, increasing evidence of rhetorical skill.
	Level 1 – Award 0-2 Marks Fails to project or modulate voice, use of body language is limited, rhetorical skill is largely unevicenced.
Response to questioning Mark:	Level 3 – Award 4-5 Marks Responds convincingly and thoughtfully to both questions, in line with the Level 3 criteria for Timing and Content and Manner and Presentation.
	Level 2 – Award 2-4 Marks Responds convincingly to elements of both questions or to just one question but not the other.
	Level 1 – Award 0-2 Marks Is unable to respond at all or convincingly enough, to either question.

Overview:

During this Viva you will need to plan and prepare to speak on one of the topics assigned to you in your group. You will also need to answer one question (which you won't know in advance) from the audience, in other words, your peers and teacher.

- 1. Stage 1 – Research your area of expertise.**
- 2. Stage 2 – Plan your speech and condense this plan into notes. You can have 1 Cue card to use in your presentation.**
- 3. Stage 3 – Practise your speech, learn to do it without notes and with greater confidence.**
- 4. Stage 4 – Collaborate with your group in class; share your research and plan the Teach-it lesson activity.**
- 5. Stage 5 – Deliver your speech to the class and your teacher.**

Stage 1

Research your area of expertise:

- You have been given 1 sheet of contextual information as a starting point. You should read, understand and summarise the 10 key points of information that you think are important enough to share with the class.
- Consider any information that a) you do not understand AND b) you would like to know a little more about. Use the internet, books in school or the library to help you to feel confident about this topic.

Stage 2

Plan your speech and condense this into notes. You can have 1 Cue card to use in your presentation:

- Create a clear structure with an introduction, main points and conclusion that answers your given question.
- You only have 2 minutes to speak- therefore carefully select your information- ask yourself 'does the rest of the class need to know this'?
- Complete your cue card with prompts, key words and dates that will help you in your presentation.

Stage 3

Practise your speech, learn to do it without notes and with greater confidence:

- Watch and listen to yourself, for instance speak out loud, use a mirror, record yourself, you will need to be comfortable with the sound of your own voice and the value your opinion carries.
- Focus on pace, rhythm, modulation and tone, as much as the content of your speaking, become comfortable pausing throughout your speech, rather than saying 'um'.
- Ask a friend or family member to hear your speech and in the 2 minutes using a timer.

Stage 4

Collaborate with your group in class; share your research and plan the Teach-it lesson activity:

- You will have 2 preparation lessons to collaborate with your other group members.
- Lesson 1: Share your research with your group. This is a great opportunity to share the key information that you intend to share with the class in your viva. Ask for feedback from your peers. In return, ask them questions in relation to their area of study. Brainstorm and agree on a 5 minute activity that you can deliver as a team. Your teacher will provide some ideas and examples in the lesson. Decide who will make the powerpoint slide to include the map and timeline of your given Kingdom. This will need to be shared with your teacher prior to the presentation lesson.
- Lesson 2: Plan and create your lesson activity. You will need to consider who in your group will deliver which aspect of the activity e.g instructions, handing out materials, taking feedback. Take your usual lessons at Eastbrook as inspiration!
- If you are asking the class to complete a worksheet- you will need to have this completed and ready for copying by the end of this lesson.

Stage 5

When delivering your speech, you should:

- Have your cue card with you in case you get stuck.
- Position yourself in the room, standing, at the front, use the space project your voice.
- Make eye contact with the people in the room, look for signs as to whether they are engaged or excited, consider whether you need to modulate your tone, increase volume, or lean move heavily on a rhetorical device.
- Once your speech ends, be prepared to answer one unseen question from your teacher, using what you know from class.