



CAMBRIDGE HOUSE GRAMMAR SCHOOL REVISION CHECKLIST

YEAR 9: HISTORY

Summer 2026

Your Summer Examination will assess your knowledge and understanding of the topics listed (below).

Use this checklist to help you with your revision and identify any gaps in your knowledge.

I CAN:	X	√
1. Understand what a “hijacking” involves		
2. Define the term “piracy” – including reference to today’s world		
3. Identify some of the famous villains of the high seas		
4. Differentiate privateering from piracy		
5. Explain the triangular slave trade		
6. Outline why Spain & England went to war in 1585		
7. Describe how the Spanish & English prepared for the naval battles of 1588 & how their forces compared		
8. Explain why the Spanish Armada failed		
9. Highlight the significance of Francis Drake as an explorer, admiral, privateer & slave trader		
10. Explain what is meant by a colony & what settlers hope to gain from exploration		
11. Explain why the Spanish acquired a reputation for cruelty in Mexico		
12. Use the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to assess the behaviour of Cortes by today’s standards		
13. Explain the mystery of Roanoke & suggest possible reasons for the disappearance of the settlers		
14. Recall the story of John Rolfe & Jamestown – including Rolfe as an entrepreneur		
15. Explain why Jamestown was such a success		
16. Appreciate the risks taken by explorers travelling to the New World		
17. Explain the attraction of the New World for explorers		
18. Detect bias in written & pictorial sources & offer reasons for it		
19. Explain why James I launched the Plantation of Ulster		
20. Identify the different groups who received land		
Appreciate the consequences of the Plantation of Ulster		