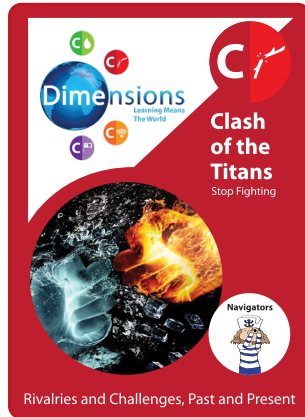


# Navigators - Clash of the Titans

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## Overview

'Clash of the Titans' is a thematic unit based on rivalries and wars, both past and present, with a key focus on history. Pupils will learn about the causes of why people disagree and how this may lead to war, for example, the wars between Scotland and England and the Wars of the Roses. They will also learn about uprisings due to social changes. There will be an opportunity to learn about World War Two and find out about rivalries in other subjects.

## England v Scotland

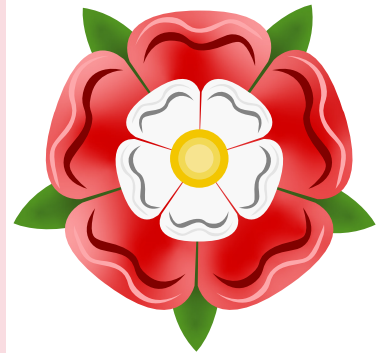
England and Scotland have always had a long and difficult relationship. Since the 13th century, Scotland has fought for its independence from England. The first battles were known as the War of Independence and featured characters such as King Edward I of England, Robert the Bruce of Scotland and the infamous soldier, William Wallace.

These battles ended with the Declaration of Arbroath, but disputes have continued through the centuries. In 2014, the first Scottish Independence Referendum was held which asked the Scottish people if they wanted independence from the United Kingdom. They voted 'no' but there have been recent rumours about holding another ballot.

## Wars of the Roses

A civil war is a war that is fought between people from the same country. One of the longest-lasting civil wars in England was The Wars of the Roses. It started when King Henry VI became ill, leaving his uncle Richard as a protector of the country in case Henry died. They were part of the same large family but were bitter rivals.

Richard represented one part of the family called the House of York and Henry was a member of the House of Lancaster. The conflict lasted over thirty years.



## Industrialists v Luddites

Clashes and battles don't always have to be for the leadership of a country. Some clashes erupt because of how people are treated in the workplace. At the start of the Industrial Revolution, a group of people called 'Luddites' clashed with 'Industrialists' over the use of machinery to spin and weave cloth. The Luddites felt that their specialist skills were being taken away by machinery and they were losing their jobs.

## Global Battles

In contrast, the 20th century saw two of the biggest global conflicts in history. The First and Second World Wars brought most of the major global powers into conflict with one another. During the Second World War some of the world's most significant battles took place. The longest battle was the Battle of the Atlantic which was fought during the entire war to gain control of the Atlantic. The Battle of Normandy was significant as it was the beginning of the end of the war in Europe. The war ended in Europe on 8th May 1945.

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## Vocabulary

<b>Alliance</b>	a group of countries, political parties, or people who have agreed to work together
<b>Allies</b>	people, organisations or countries who help each other in a particular activity
<b>Civil war</b>	a war between people in the same country
<b>Conflict</b>	Conflict an argument or disagreement
<b>Independence</b>	freedom from outside control. A country can make their own decisions and write their own laws if they are independent.
<b>Industrialist</b>	someone who owns or manages an industrial business such as a factory
<b>Luddite</b>	the name given to a group of British labourers who intentionally broke industrial machinery because they believed that it was causing unemployment
<b>Referendum</b>	a special kind of vote where the general public is asked to make, or change, a law by voting 'yes' or 'no'
<b>The Reformation</b>	a religious movement in the 16th century that led to the formation of the Protestant church. Henry VIII used this change to divorce his wife without needing the Pope's agreement.

## Concept Flow

- To know about the Wars of Independence between England and Scotland and the continuing debate on Scottish Independence today
- To know about the Wars of the Roses, the rise of the Tudor dynasty and how the Reformation affected life in Britain
- To know about clashes between Luddites and Industrialists at the start of the Industrial Revolution
- To learn about some of the famous WWII battles and understand how the war ended



## My Notes / Questions

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