



Year 3: Back to the 80s! Knowledge Organiser

Key Concepts/Features

During the 1980s, Margaret Thatcher led the Conservative party and the UK. This was an important time in British politics as Thatcher was Britain's first female prime minister. She oversaw a 10 week war with Argentina after they invaded the Falkland Islands, in 1982. Two years later, she stood up to the National Union of miners, which was led by Arthur Scargill, as they went on strike to prevent the mining industry from being shut down.

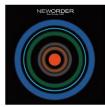
The 1980's were a decade of unique fashion, with bold and colourful clothing. This trend was also reflected in some of the famous artwork from the era – album sleeve covers designed by Peter Saville and Mark Farrow.

Great advances in technology happened during the 1980s, from space shuttles to computers and gaming systems. Consoles such as Nintendo and games such as Super Mario Bros, which are still popular today, were released in the 80s.









Key People	
Margaret Thatcher (1925 - 2013)	Leader of the Conservative party and the first female prime minister of the UK. Thatcher took office from 04/05/1979 until 28/11/1990. She was given the nickname 'The Iron Lady' by a journalist, because of her political style.
Arthur Scargill	The president for the National Union of Miners. He led the union during the 1984-1985 miner's strike.
Peter Saville/Mark Farrow	Two English graphic designers, who are well-known for their record sleeve designs for Factory Records during the 1980s.

Timeline	
1980	Humber Bridge opens to the public
1981	Prince Charles and Lady Diana are married.
1982	Argentina invades the Falklands Prince William is born
1984	Coal miners' strike Torvill and Dean perform Bolero
1985	Titanic ship wreck discovered Holes in the ozone reported Live Aid
1986	Space shuttle Challenger explodes on launch Chernobyl disaster
1988	Lokerbie bombing
1989	Berlin Wall knocked down First Simpsons episode

Key Vocabulary	
Democracy	A form of government where everybody has the right to a vote and have their opinions heard.
The Rule of Law	Laws apply to everyone. This is equal and fair.
Mutual respect	Treating others how you would want to be treated, even if they have been unkind to you.
Tolerance	Making space for other people's opinions, even if they are different to your own
Individual Liberty	As long as we don't not break the law, we have freedom and rights.
Strike	The stopping of work by workers to force an employer to agree to worker's demands.
Famine	Widespread hunger for a long period of time. Often this is caused by bad weather or natural disasters.
Falkland Islands	Islands off the coast of South America. The islands are governed by the United Kingdom.
Live Aid	A benefit concert held in London (UK) and Philadelphia (USA) on Saturday 13 th July 1985. The concert raised \$127 million for the Ethiopian famine.