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Name	John Stanier
Role	Mentor Curriculum Design Lead History Curriculum Design Lead
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Organisation	Great Torrington School
Phase	Secondary - 11-16
Subject Taught	History
Subject / Phase Designed	Mentor Curriculum & History Curriculum Design
About me	A History Teacher since the end of the last century. Currently Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Teaching and Learning at Great Torrington School in North Devon. A SWIFT Senior Delivery Lead for the 'Outstanding' Teach First Early Career Framework Equally passionate about education, history, languages and chess.
From the History ITT Curriculum Designer History is special because:	Becoming an effective History Teacher is an essential job because, in the words of philosopher George Santayana; "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" History teachers help pupils discover their heritage, gain an understanding of society, culture and political systems and learn from





	past successes and failures to guide their future decision making. History enables us to connect with people and events from the past and is simply fascinating. In this course, you will learn evidence-based teaching techniques to ensure all pupils learn the lessons from the past. Alongside this you will develop ways to bring the past to life and inspire our young learners to become the next generation of historians.
Train / Work Somewhere Special	Our children deserve nothing less than the very best education from the very best teachers. At SWIFT, we are passionate about achieving this by training novice teachers to become excellent practitioners.
Work Somewhere Special	 Being a History Teacher is a great career because: Every day you can live and breathe history. Every day you can inspire awe and wonder in pupils, changing their lives, with amazing stories from the past. Every day is an adventure – I haven't clock watched for 24 years.
Live Somewhere Special	Westward Ho! beach is only 20 minutes' drive from work so going in after school when the surf is up is an amazing way to unwind.