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Gandalf finds a place in British history

A sizeable slice of younger Britons think Gandalf, Horatio Hornblower or Christopher Columbus was the hero of the English fleet's defeat of the Spanish Armada, a survey showed today.

The Telegraph

Horatio Nelson 'was French football captain', say children

Children's ignorance of British history has been laid bare in a survey today that shows one-in-20 pupils believe the Spanish Armada is a tapas dish.

Winston Churchill didn't really exist, say teens

A fifth of British teenagers believe Sir Winston Churchill was a fictional character, while many think Sherlock Holmes, King Arthur and Eleanor Rigby were real, a survey shows.

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What did Hitler do in the war, miss?

Calls for compulsory GCSE history follow a survey highlighting appalling gaps in pupils' knowledge. Amanda Kelly reports.

THE Great Fire of London took place in 1066, Hitler was Britain's Prime Minister during the Second World War and Henry VII had eight wives.

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Gandalf defeated the Spanish Armada... the Battle of Britain was a key turning point in The Hundred Years War... the Romans never invaded Britain...

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