



Timeline	
799AD	Suthberie (South Borough) first mentioned in Anglo Saxon Chronicles
1009AD	Town market begins
1086 AD	Domesday Book mentions <i>Sudberia</i> as a manor
1331 AD	First Mayor of Sudbury Robert Darry
1380 AD	Simon of Sudbury becomes Lord Chancellor of England
1381 AD	Peasants Revolt, Simon executed
1685 AD	Huguenot weavers leave France, settle Spitalfields
1720 AD	Sudbury weaving company , Stephen Walters begins
1740 AD	Sudbury weaving company , Vanners begins
1727 AD	Thomas Gainsborough born, baptised in Friars Street.
1776 AD	John Constable born, East Bergholt
1788 AD	Thomas Gainsborough died London, buried Kew
1837 AD	John Constable dies, London , buried Hampstead.
1850 AD	Vanners Weaving moves to Sudbury
1903 AD	Gainsborough Silk Weaving company begins
1973 AD	Humphries Weaving Company begins
2020 AD	Vanners Weaving – closed/ open?

Key Facts
Sudbury mentioned in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles as <i>Suthberie</i> and later Domesday Book
Simon of Sudbury beheaded during the Peasants’ Revolt
Weaving develops as a local industry ; River Stour transport allows wool be exported easily to London and Europe. Suffolk becomes wealthy through the expansion of the Wool Towns( Lavenham, Clare, Long Melford, Sudbury, Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Hadleigh
King Louis XIV persecutes the French Huguenot protestants – they become refugees . Many settle in Spitalfields, London . Gradually silk weaving moves from Spitalfields to Sudbury
Silk weaving technology improves and the industry prospers. Wages and manufacturing costs of silk, together with the raise of cheap silk and labour in China cause problems for the silk weaving industry in Sudbury. Vanners cannot compete and shuts down, however a new owner may be now in place and the company may continue as Vanners Silk (1740)Ltd.
Constable paints the Suffolk landscape; his work becomes increasingly popular (although it was seen as really revolutionary at the time). Now, the locations of his paintings become a huge attraction for tourists each year.

Key Quotations
‘I may part with the corn, but not from the field in which it was raised’ <b>John Constable</b>

Vocabulary Dozen	
Anglo-Saxon Chronicles	record written by monks in abbeys, recounts the events in England each year , mostly written in the 9 <sup>th</sup> century
Domesday Book	First written census – carried out by William the Conqueror in 1086
Serfdom	a person in earlier times who was like a slave. Serfs had to stay on the property where they worked and lived. If the land was sold, they were sold along with it.
Poll tax	a tax where by the same amount of money is paid by every person in the land
Peasants Revolt	uprising of peasants demanding to abolish serfdom and refusing to pay the poll tax
Archbishop of Canterbury	Most important Archbishop in England , his job was and still is to crown the King or Queen. In the days of Simon, England was Catholic
Lord Chancellor	Highest ranking servant of the Crown, even today outranking the Prime Minister. In Simon’s time they also were in charge of the King’s money and of advising on money matters
Huguenot	French Protestants persecuted and killed for their beliefs
Portraiture	Skill of painting good likeness of people that captures their looks but also a sense of what they might be like as a person
landscape painting	painting images of the landscape – either with or without people in it
Royal Academy	Organisation still in London that was a little like a club for artists – invited to join if they thought you a good enough painter- holds exhibitions of artists work to this day.
silk weaving	process where silk thread is dyed and woven into cloth can be plain or following patterns

**Home Historian**

Record the oral history of your family in Sudbury – What brought them to the area? How many generations have lived here? What is a family tree?



**Simon of Sudbury** his death and his facial reconstruction kept at St Gregory's Church



**John Constable** – his self-portrait and a 'six-footer' painting



**Thomas Gainsborough**- his self portrait as a boy



**The Peasants Revolt 1381**



**Vanners Weavers** – Now and then