



History

Qualification type: A Level

Exam Board: AQA

What will I learn?

- We study two topics for the History A Level, but students will research a third topic independently for their coursework module.
- The first topic is the breadth study. Students will study the British Empire from 1857-1967. Students will explore why the British empire grew and contracted, what influenced imperial policy, the part that economic factors played in the development of the empire, the influence the Empire had on British attitudes, the way indigenous peoples responded, and the importance of key individuals and groups.
- The second topic is the depth study. Students will study Germany from 1918-1945. Students will look at political and ideological concepts as well as exploring the early years, the 'Golden Age', and the collapse of the Weimar Republic. Students will explore the collapse of democracy, the development of Nazi dictatorship, the development of the racial state and the impact of WWII.
- Students will do their own independent research into the topic of the Witch Craze in Europe. Student will have access to a variety of primary and secondary sources and will be expected to complete an essay to answer a specific question based on this.

How is my work assessed?

80% Examination and 20% Coursework Essay

There are two written examinations, each lasting 2 hours and 30 minutes.

- **Paper 1:** The British Empire c1857-1967. 80 marks. 40% of the overall grade.
- **Paper 2:** Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918-1945. 80 marks. 40% of the overall grade.
- **Historical Investigation:** 3500-4500 word essay. 40 marks. 20% of the overall grade.

What should I consider before starting this subject?

Students should be confident at extended or essay writing, students should have a strong grasp of the historical skills introduced at GCSE-level.

Why is this course useful and what might it lead to?

A level History is a good course to have for a range of occupations and future learning. Students can go on to complete a university degree in History or in other subjects within the humanities and social sciences. History careers can include being an academic historian, researcher, archivist, conservator, heritage manager and many others.

Where can I find out more information?

You can speak to your History teacher and more information can be found here:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/as-level/history-7041/specification>

Entry requirements

GCSE English and Maths at a grade 4+, ideally a Grade 4+ at GCSE in History, although not essential.