

HISTORY A LEVEL

The History A level is chosen from the OCR History A specification.

This is still PROVISIONAL, and is subject to change from the exam board or from within the History department.

Year 1 History (from first teaching 2015)

British Period Study and Enquiry. England, 1547-1603: **The Later Tudors**. This includes England after the reign of Henry VIII, with an emphasis on Elizabethan England. The Enquiry is source based, and focuses on Mid Tudor Crises, 1547-1558.

Assessment: 1 hour 30 minutes exam paper. 50% of Year 1

Non British Period Study. **Germany, Democracy and Dictatorships, 1919-1963**: Germany during the Weimar period (AS interpretation topic), the Third Reich and the post war division of Germany (AS interpretation topic). For AS only, the AS interpretation topics will have questions based on assessing historians' views on the topic.

Assessment: 1 hour 30 minutes exam paper. 50% of Year 1.

Year 2 History (from first teaching 2015)

British Period Study and Enquiry. England, 1547-1603: **The Later Tudors**. This includes England after the reign of Henry VIII, with an emphasis on Elizabethan England. The Enquiry is source based, and focuses on Mid Tudor Crises, 1547-1558.

Assessment: 1 hour 30 minutes exam paper. 25% of A Level (Year 2)

Non British Period Study. **Germany, Democracy and Dictatorships, 1919-1963**. Germany during the Weimar period, the Third Reich and the post war division of Germany.

Assessment: 1 hour exam paper. 15% of A Level (Year 2)

Thematic Study and Historical Interpretations. **Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964**. Essays based on drawing links between the different leaders and also, exam questions based on assessing historian's views of the topic. Depth studies, Alexander II's domestic reforms, the Provisional Government and Khrushchev in Power, 1956-1964.

Assessment: 2 hours 30 minutes exam paper. 40% of A Level (Year 2)

Non Exam Assessment: Topic based essay on a historical subject of your choice.

Assessment: 3000-4000 word essay (Coursework).

Possible Future Studies/ Employment

A Level History prepares you for degrees in History, Law, Politics, Politics, International Relations, Law, Business courses, Journalism, Cultural studies, Anthropology, Archaeology... amongst others. The skills that A Level History teaches you are highly valued by universities, and its academic rigour further prepares you for university life.

A Level History is also highly regarded by employers, and while it can lead to careers traditionally associated with History (museum curacy, teaching, archivist, historian, heritage industries) it can also lead to careers in the media, law, business, economics, researchers and politics. A Level History is a well respected qualification in whatever field you wish to enter.

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