

A Level HISTORY

AQA History Units 1H and 2B

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Course content

A Level

European History – Breadth Study ***Russia under the Tsars and Communists*** **1855-1964**

This module covers the dramatic events leading up to and including the two 1917 revolutions and the Communist regime of the USSR. We go from Tsars to Commissars and try to understand how a monarchy could fall, not so much with a bang as with a whimper. Why did Alexander II feel he was being “hunted like an animal” by revolutionaries before his assassination in 1881? Would there have been a Communist revolution in October 1917 if Lenin had not returned from exile? Many, many more questions to be asked and answered in this action packed course.

British History Depth Study **The Wars of the Roses 1450-1509**

This module covers one of the most turbulent periods in British History, with the Wars of the Roses as a central issue. The causes and the course of the Wars of the Roses, as well as the beginnings of the Tudor dynasty, are explored along with fascinating characters such as Richard, Duke of York and the Earl of Warwick, known as the Kingmaker. There are battles and plots and women too, key figures such as Margaret of Anjou, truly the power behind the throne, and Elizabeth Woodville, wife of Edward IV – was she really a witch? What was the Parliament of Devils? What did the Duke of Suffolk do that could warrant his execution on the deck of a ship with a rusty sword? Who really killed the princes in the Tower? Was Henry VII truly a “new monarch”?

Coursework - Civil Rights in the USA.

This course looks at interpretations of 100 years of the Civil Rights movement, covering leaders such as Malcolm X and Martin Luther King and events such as the Montgomery bus boycott as well as earlier less well known events.

Assessment

Y12

European Breadth study: 1½ hr written paper involving the completion of one interpretations question and one essay covering the topic up to 1917

British History Depth Study: 1½ hr written paper based on one source question and one essay question covering the topic up to 1470.

Y13

Historical Interpretations: 1 extended essay of 3,000 words.

European Breadth Study: 2hr 30min written paper involving the completion of two essays and an interpretations question covering the period 1855-1964

British Depth Study: 2hr 30 min written paper involving the completion of two essays and one sources question, covering the period 1450-1509

Skills You Will Develop

History is the study of ourselves, an investigation of human behaviour, an enquiry into our motives and their consequences, not just the study of the past and the long-dead!

History teaches you to select relevant information from a broad range of materials; evaluate and draw conclusions from evidence and data; and prepare reasoned and structured cases arguing in favour of or against something.

History gives you the skills which are essential to a whole range of careers, particularly law, media and journalism.

Entry To The Course

Students must achieve at least a 6 in GCSE History. If students have not studied History they must achieve at least grade 6 in English Language and English Literature.