



## GCSE History

### Introduction and course overview

History at GCSE. This is a two year course. We follow AQA and have four modules to teach during Y10 and Y11. These four modules all get revised in Y11 too. There are two written exams at the end of Y11. The course in Y10 studies an aspect of world history and includes a depth study of one major power, Germany. In Y11 we look at British history and look at things over a much longer period. It is a serious well regarded GCSE and involves a lot of reading and writing. If you like the drama of people's lives and troubles, then you will enjoy this.

### Aims of the course

The course is designed to make you read, study and think. You have to be able to discuss and listen to other's arguments. We have a lot to get through, you will be busy. You learn how to think more clearly and how to write your responses out in detail. Your exam papers need you to be able to concentrate for an hour and a half. Some are based on sources and you need to be able to think clearly under pressure.

### Method of assessment

The four modules are,

1. Conflict and tension.1894-1918. This covers the build up to World War One and the war itself in some detail.
2. Germany 1890-1945. This looks at Germany over the period of the two world wars and the effects on democracy and the rise of Adolf Hitler. It is called Democracy and Dictatorship. These two modules make up one exam paper.
3. The third module is Britain: Power and the people. This looks at the roots and the development of our modern democracy starting back in Medieval times and going right up to the 1980's.
4. The Fourth is Elizabethan England 1568-1603. This looks at one period in detail and tries to understand the problems that Elizabeth had to deal with.

These modules will be assessed by means of two terminal exams at the end of year 11.

Paper 1: Understanding the modern world contributes to 50% of the total course and has a maximum of 84 marks.

Paper 2: Shaping the nation contributes to 50% of the total course and has a maximum of 84 marks.



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#### Useful resources and further information

You can learn much more by visiting the AQA site:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145>