

HISTORY

EXAM BOARD: OCR

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

British Period study: The Early Tudors 1485-1558: The unit has two elements: a Period Study and an Enquiry. The enquiry element either precedes or continues the Period Study element to provide increased coherence and coverage of the chosen period.

Non-British Period Study: Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963: For the assessment of this unit group, each unit will have two questions set and learners will answer both parts from one of the questions. Learners will be required to answer both a traditional 'Period Study' essay (as in a unit group 1) and a shorter question assessing the significance of two events, pertaining to a different key topic from within the option chosen.

Thematic Study and Historical Interpretations: Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992: There are two elements to the thematic study and historical interpretations unit group: The thematic essay which will require learners to consider developments over at least 100 years. The in-depth interpretation element where learners will comprehend, analyse and evaluate the ways in which the past has been interpreted by historians, by using their knowledge of specific individuals, events or developments that are prominent within the theme.

Topic Based Coursework: The History A unit Y100 Topic based essay is an independently researched essay of 3000–4000 words in length. This unit is a non exam assessment.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Students will take three exams:

Paper 1: Non-British Period Study - 15%

Paper 2: British Period Study - 25%

Paper 3: Thematic Study and Historical Interpretations - 40%

Topic Based Coursework: 20%



MINIMUM GCSE REQUIREMENTS

- English grade 5
- History grade 5

POSSIBLE PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

History A-level can lead to and support a variety of careers or educational pathways including:

- Archaeology
- History
- Sociology
- Politics
- Accountancy
- Law
- Teaching/lecturing
- Analyst
- Management