

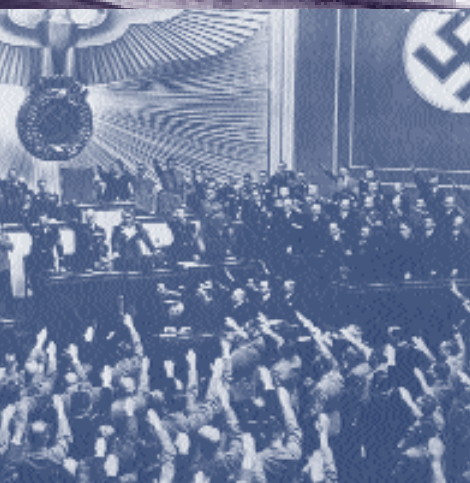
A student's guide to the GCSE in

HISTORY A MODERN WORLD AND EUROPEAN HISTORY



What is GCSE History all about?

- History GCSE follows on naturally from the kind of work you have undertaken at Key Stage 3 (Year 9). Your course will involve the study of World and/ or European history starting in the late nineteenth century and ending in the 1990s. You will study four modern world topics and also study two modern British history topics which will be the basis of your coursework.
- You will have the opportunity to examine some interesting and important historical source material and develop your own knowledge of historical issues.



Will I enjoy this course?

You will enjoy this course if you want to study a subject that involves learning about and discussing the events that have shaped today's world. You might find yourself studying the history of individual countries or world issues such as The Vietnam War, The Nazi State or the struggle for Indian independence. If you like learning about the modern world and putting forward a well-developed point of view, then you will enjoy History.

What about exams?

You will take two papers on different topics. Paper one will ask you to answer questions from your own knowledge of two topics you have studied. Paper two covers two topics you have studied in depth. For this paper you will examine source material in a variety of forms such as photographs, cartoons, advertisements and extracts from newspapers and speeches.



What about the coursework?

Coursework is worth 25% of the marks and will be based on modern British history (for instance Votes for Women or The Blitz). You will complete two different coursework assignments, one of which will ask you to respond to some historical documents, the other will test your historical knowledge.

What other skills might I develop?

As well as learning about History, the course will enable you to improve your skills in Communication, IT, Working with Others, Improving own Learning and Performance and Problem Solving. Studying History encourages you to produce well-reasoned arguments based on the evaluation of evidence.

What could I do next with GCSE History?

There are many things you can do with a GCSE in History. You could choose to continue with the study of History by taking AS History in the sixth form or at college or you could use your knowledge of history to support other AS courses such as English Literature or Art. A GCSE in History shows that you have a high level of literacy and that you are able to analyse complex information. These skills are highly valued by colleges and employers.

Employment opportunities where skills gained through the study of history are particularly valued include journalism, media, law, teaching and human resources.