

Introduction to GCSE History (Schools History Project) (Short Course)

Why study History?

History is about people - real people whose lives were sometimes exciting, like travelling across the Wild West in a wagon train, and sometimes frightening, like being transported without their families on a ship to Australia for stealing bread for little brothers and sisters because they were hungry. Whatever their lives were about, there's a fascinating, and sometimes tragic, story behind them.

As well as being exciting, this course will help you develop skills which will be useful in a wide range of jobs or in the further study of History.

You will study:

- * Medicine through Time;
or
- * Crime and Punishment through Time.

You may study:

- * One Study in Depth taken from the following:
 - Elizabethan England
 - Britain, 1815-51
 - The American West, 1840-95
 - Germany, 1919-45
 - South Africa, 1948-95.

You will learn the following skills:

- * How to interpret and evaluate pieces of information (sources);
- * The ability to communicate and apply your knowledge;
- * The ability to describe and analyse the key features of the period studied;
- * Critical thinking and problem solving. You will have the opportunity to study photographs, films, videos, CD Roms, newspapers and original written sources.

Assessment:

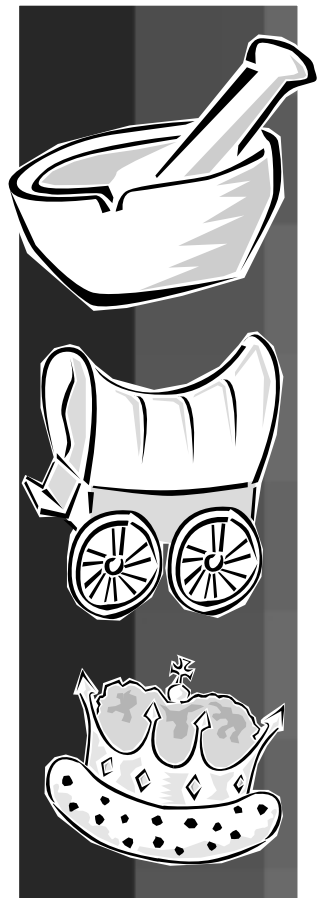
The exam paper covers the full range of grades from G-A*. There are two aspects to your assessment.

Coursework

You will complete one assignment of about 1250 words based on either a Modern World Study or a Study in Depth.

Paper 1 (1 hour 45 minutes)

You will answer one question containing several sources and one question from a choice of three on either Medicine through Time or Crime and Punishment through Time.



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