

## Introduction to GCSE History (Schools History Project)

### 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 to 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;
- \* One Study in Depth taken from the following:  
Elizabethan England  
Britain, 1815–1851  
The American West, 1840–1895  
Germany, 1919–1945  
South Africa, 1948–1995.

### You will learn the following skills:

- \* How to interpret and evaluate pieces of information (sources);
- \* How to communicate and apply your knowledge;
- \* How 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 examination papers cover the full range of grades from G to A\*. There are three aspects to your assessment.

### Coursework

You will write two assignments of about 1250 words each, and there will be a choice of topics. Assignment 1 is based on a visit to an historical site. Assignment 2 is based on a modern world study.

### Paper 1 (2 hours)

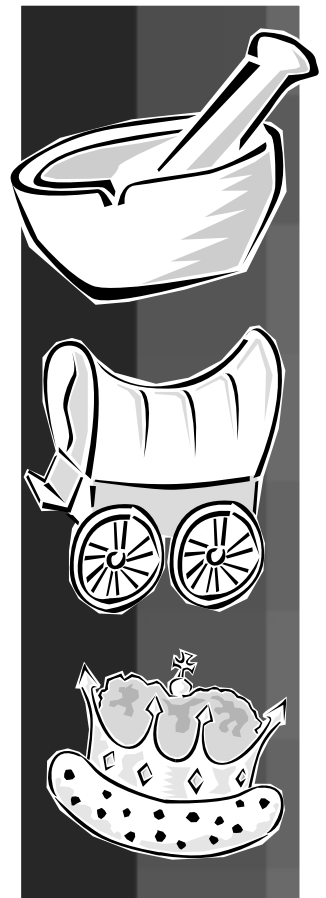
The paper is divided into two sections:

Section A: You will answer one compulsory question, plus one from a choice of three on either Medicine through Time or Crime and Punishment through Time;

Section B: You will answer one compulsory question, plus one question from a choice of two on the chosen Study in Depth.

### Paper 2 (1 hour 30 minutes)

This paper has 5-7 compulsory questions set on a range of sources and is a detailed investigation of an historical issue taken from either Medicine or Crime and Punishment.



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