

HISTORY GCSE

What are the key features?

Do you want to understand the world better? Do you like solving puzzles? Do you like politics? If you do, then this could be the GCSE for you! You will learn **world history** from the end of World War One (**1918**) until the end of the **Cold War (1991)**. This period of history has shaped the world we live in today and is fascinating to study. You will learn about the **Treaty of Versailles** and the **League of Nations**, the **Korean and Vietnam wars** as well as the **Solidarity** movement in Poland, to name just a few topics. The depth study and coursework is on **Germany (1918-45)**, giving you expert insight into one of history's most defining periods.

What particular skills are required to succeed?

You should consider studying History for GCSE if you:

- ✓ You want to learn more about the world, enjoy **History**, and **politics**.
- ✓ enjoy **reading** and **writing essays**.
- ✓ enjoy **debating** and having an opinion!

Why study this course?

The course is thought-provoking and academically challenging. Pupils will gain a broader understanding of the world and their place in it. Pupils will gain skills in research and analysis and learn how to form an argument and write persuasive essays, excellent if you are planning on studying A-Levels or at university. As such, the skills covered in History are highly regarded by employers and higher education. GCSE History is excellent for those considering careers in law, management, finance and the media.

Examining board: Cambridge International

How is it assessed: Exams 67%, coursework 33%.

What do we study?	How is it assessed?	Percentage of grade
Paper 1: Structured Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Answer two questions on the core content (1918-39/1945-2000)❖ One question on the depth study (Germany 1918-45)	Paper 1 2 hours	34%
Paper 2: Document Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ You will be given a range of source materials relating to 1918-39/ 1945-2000 and Germany 1918-45.❖ Answer one set of questions using the sources	Paper 2 1 hr 45m	33%
Component 3: Coursework <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Candidates write one piece of extended writing based on the depth study (Germany 1918-45).❖ Up to 2,000 words	Internally assessed, externally moderated	33%

If I have any questions which teacher(s) do I ask?

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