

# A Level History

Examination Board: Edexcel

Contact Teacher: Mrs Durham



## Course Details and Assessment

This course focuses upon a wide range of British, European and world History. Running through all the units is the theme of JUSTICE and how it is achieved, by whom and for whom. In this way, students will be able to draw wider conclusions as to the nature of justice and equality in today's society.

The course will cover the following areas:

AS Course	Full A Level
Units covered at AS are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Crusades c.1095-1204</li><li>2. England and the Angevin Empire in the reign of Henry II 1154-1189</li></ol>	At A Level these units are complemented by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Civil Rights and Race Relations in the USA 1850-2009</li><li>4. Germany in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century</li></ol>

The course is assessed in the following way:

AS Level
<p>Unit 1 is a written examination, lasting 2 hours 15 minutes, worth 60% of the AS grade. Students answer three questions: one from Section A, one from Section B and one from Section C. <b>Sections A and B</b> comprise a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in breadth (AO1). <b>Section C</b> comprises one compulsory question that assesses the ability to analyse and evaluate historical interpretations (AO3).</p> <p>Unit 2 is a written examination, lasting 1 hour 30 minutes, worth 40% of the final AS grade. Students answer two questions: one from Section A and one from Section B. <b>Section A</b> comprises one compulsory two-part question for the option studied, each part based on one source. It assesses source analysis and evaluation skills (AO2). <b>Section B</b> comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in depth (AO1).</p>

A Level
<p>Unit 1 is a written examination, lasting 2 hours 15 minutes, worth 30% of final A Level. Students answer three questions: one from Section A, one from Section B and one from Section C. <b>Sections A and B</b> comprise a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in breadth (AO1). <b>Section C</b> comprises one compulsory question that assesses the ability to analyse and evaluate historical interpretations (AO3).</p> <p>Unit 2 is a written examination, lasting 1 hour 30 minutes, worth 20% of final A Level. Students answer two questions: one from Section A and one from Section B. <b>Section A</b> comprises one compulsory question for the option studied, based on two sources. It assesses source analysis and evaluation skills (AO2). <b>Section B</b> comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in depth (AO1).</p>

Unit 3 is a written examination, lasting 2 hours 15 minutes, worth 30% of final A Level. Students answer three questions: one from Section A, one from Section B and one from Section C. **Section A** comprises one compulsory question for the option studied, assessing source analysis and evaluation skills (AO2). **Section B** comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in depth (AO1). **Section C** comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in breadth (AO1).

Unit 4 is internally assessed having completed a 4000 word investigation, focusing upon a topic of contention for historians regarding an aspect of Germany in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
<p>History is widely considered an excellent choice at GCE – particularly by Russell Group universities. This is due to its development of skills such as research, explanation and analysis; and the emphasis placed upon developing, arguing and writing in an extended manner.</p> <p>Career choices are diverse as many people choose to take the skills if not the knowledge and enter fields such as Business, law, government, education and academia.</p>	<p>Grade 5 in GCSE History (or Grade 5 in both English Language and English Literature if History has not been taken at GCSE)</p>

*“The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.”*  
**Theodore Roosevelt**