



Why take GCSE History?

GCSE History will help you to understand how the world you live in was shaped, and make you consider today's society in a different way. The event of the past, shape your today.

Employers and universities regard History qualifications very highly - the skills you gain - to be able to analyse data - examine sources - consider all opinions, and make your own. There are not many 'right or wrong answers - you just need to justify your opinions with evidence and learn to create an argument.

Exam board: Edexcel

GCSE - What do you study:

Consists of 4 units:

1. American West – 1835-1895 – start this after Easter in yr 9.



2. Crime and Punishment – 1000-present day
Historic Environment – Whitechapel 1870-1900 including investigating **Jack the Ripper**



3. Early Elizabethan England 1558-1588



4. Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939



Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment Crime and Punishment and Whitechapel case study

Written examination: 1 hour and 15 minutes 30%* of the qualification 52 marks (16 for the historic environment, 36 for the thematic study)

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study - American West and Early Elizabethan England

Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes 40%* of the qualification 64 marks (32 for the period study and 32 for the British depth study)

Paper 3: Modern depth study - Weimar and Nazi Germany

Written examination: 1 hour and 20 minutes 30%* of the qualification 52 marks

Expectations – what can you expect:



Writing - there is a lot of writing – you can't get away from it.
Notes, essay questions and exam practice.

Reading - same!

Analysis – students will analyse original sources from photos to newspapers to election results and decide if they are useful or not.
Students will like some bits more than others.

Expectations –what I expect:



You will work hard, in lessons and at home - I set homework , ask for help if you need it, enjoy the learning.

Trips:

We went to **London in Autumn term 2021.**

For Elizabeth unit we went to:

The Globe, The Golden Hind – Francis Drake circumnavigated the world in this 1577-80

For Crime and Punishment we went to The Tower of London, previously we went on a Jack the Ripper walking tour through the streets of Whitechapel but we didn't do it this year as it looked likely that the exam board would change the specification for the exam - the Tower is useful for 2 units.

Then – Summer term – **May 18-20th 2022 go to Berlin** for 3 days, 2 nights – to look at the Weimar and Nazi Germany unit.

Questions???



Not convinced?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otrLfsU9sgA>



HOW WILL YOU BE
REMEMBERED?