

SUBJECT: History A Level

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EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER: AQA 7042

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

Component 1 - Breadth study

This involves the study of significant historical developments over a period of around 100 years and associated historical interpretations.

1C The Tudors, England: 1485-1603

Component 2 – Depth study

This involves the study in depth of a major historical change or development and associated primary evidence.

2N Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917-1953

Component 3 – Historical investigation (Personal study)

A personal study based on a topic of student's choice. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years. It must not duplicate the content of options chosen for Components 1 and 2.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

You will develop an understanding of how people interact and what motivates them, why people, groups and rulers make decisions and the impact of those decisions. You will be encouraged to evaluate different types of evidence and debate its relevance and value, present an argument and make supported judgements.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

You will need to show a willingness to undertake wider reading and further study outside the classroom, visit libraries and consult different books about the topics that you are studying. Think about how perspectives and arguments differ.

There are many useful websites available for different historical topics.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Breadth Study

Assessed

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

three questions (one compulsory)

80 marks

40% of A-level

Ouestions

Two sections

Section A – one compulsory question linked to historical interpretations (30 marks)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Studying History will provide you with many skills which are not confined to the study of the past. Skills of analysis are invaluable in many jobs, and the ability to analyse and then prioritise information is vital to decision making. You will also become adept at presenting information in an organised and focussed manner.

Section B – two from three essays (2 x 25 marks)
Depth Study
Assessed
written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
three questions (one compulsory)
80 marks
40% of A-level

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, students are required to have at least a grade 6 or above in History GCSE. It is preferable to have at least a grade 6 or better in English Language.