

Frequently Asked Questions: History

1. When does the course begin?

The GCSE History course begins in year 9 and ends in year 11. Tauheedul offers an A-Level in History and students can continue the subject into Sixth Form.

2. What is taught in each unit?

The breakdown of the units are as follows.

Paper 1: Understanding the Modern World (2 hour exam)

- Section A: Germany, 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship
 - Part 1: Germany and the growth of Democracy
 - Part 2: Germany and the Depression
 - Part 3: The experience of Germans under the Nazis
- Section B: Conflict between East and West, 1945-1972
 - Part 1: The origins of the Cold War
 - Part 2: The development of the Cold War
 - Part 3: Transformation of the Cold War

Paper 2: Shaping the Nation (2 hour exam)

- Section A: Britain, Migration, Empires, and the Peoples
 - Part 1: Conquerors and the Conquered
 - Part 2: Looking West
 - Part 3: Expansion and Empire
 - Part 4: Britain and the twentieth century
- Section B: Elizabethan England 1568-1603
 - Part 1: Elizabeth's court and Parliament
 - Part 2: Life in Elizabethan times
 - Part 3: Troubles at home and abroad

3. How are the exams structured?

PAPER 1

Exam Guidance for AQA Germany, 1890–1945: democracy and dictatorship

- There are six types of question on this paper:
 1. (Interpretations) How do they differ about... (4 marks)
 2. (Interpretations) Why might they have different interpretations? (4 marks)
 3. (Interpretations) Which is more convincing? (8 marks)
 4. Describe two successes/failures/features... (4 marks)
 5. How did [_] affect... (8 marks)
 6. Which was more important for... (12 marks)

Guidance for AQA Conflict and tension between East and West, 1945-1972

- There are four types of questions on this paper:
 1. Explain why (Source G) supports one side in the conflict... (4 marks)
 2. Study (sources H and J) and explain how useful they are... (12 marks)
 3. Write an account of... (8 marks)
 4. (Statement) How far you agree with... (16 marks)

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PAPER 2

Exam guidance for AQA migration, empires and the people c790-present

- There are four types of question on this paper:
 1. How useful is (source) to a historian studying... (8 marks)
 2. Explain the significance of... (8 marks)
 3. Compare... and... (8 marks)
 4. Have... been the main factor in... (16 marks - SPaG: 4 marks)

Exam Guidance for AQA Elizabethan England, c1568–1603

- There are three types of question on this paper, plus an essay question on the historic environment (this is part of the AQA British depth study):
 1. [Interpretation A] How convincing is A about...? (8 marks)
 2. Explain why... (8 marks)
 3. Write an account of the... (8 marks)
 4. Write an account of the importance of... (16 marks)

4. How can studying History help in future careers?

- History teaches us to ask two very important questions: why and how. This is key to sharpening your critical thinking abilities, which combine the following skills:
 - Analysis
 - Research
 - Essay writing
 - Communication
 - Problem solving
 - Argumentation
- Studying history can lead to a great number of excellent careers as diverse as the media, government, heritage organisations, conservation, teaching, archives, museums and galleries, the police and law.