

GCSE History (AQA 8145)

GCSE History gives you the ability to question, make links and analyse material in a methodical and critical way. It is therefore a great stepping stone to a future study of History and also provides very useful transferable skills.



Paper 1

Germany 1890 - 1945

This part of the paper looks in depth at Germany under the Kaiser, the Weimar Republic and the Nazi regime. Students look at how Germany was governed, how it was affected by WW1 and 2 and how people's experiences of the various forms of government changed over time.

Conflict and Tension 1918 - 1939

Here students look at the tensions and hopes of the inter war years; especially the Treaty of Versailles and League of Nations and how their failure contributed to the outbreak of war in 1939.

Paper 2

Health and the People c1000 - today

This breadth study looks at how medical knowledge and treatment has developed since the Middle Ages. Students look at themes such as the development of surgery or the impact that war has had on medical progress.

Elizabethan England 1568 - 1603

In this topic students will look in depth at Elizabeth's life and reign including the threats against her at home and abroad. They will also look at the life of ordinary Elizabethans such as theatre-going and fashion and the impact Elizabeth had on them.

There are a number of ways in which you can support your daughter's study of History at GCSE. Any trips to relevant places of interest such as the Globe Theatre, Mary Arden's Farm or the Imperial



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War Museum are always valuable. Students can also develop their wider reading by researching the individuals discussed in the medicine topic. The Frog page has some relevant links and material that is of use also. As History uses the study of contemporary sources, looking at political cartoons either past or current, and discussing these can also develop critical evaluation skills.