

Sixth Form Subject Information

History



Qualification	A-Level	
Exam Board	AQA	
Course Leader	Miss K Ridge	
Course summary	<p>A Level History aims to get you thinking about the significance of historical events, the role of individuals in history and the nature of change over time. By looking at widely differing time periods students will get a broader view of the world, looking at political, social, economic and cultural perspectives in both Tudor England and 20th century Germany. The personal study in Year 13 will give students to chance to develop their skills as independent learners and allow them to shape their studies around areas that particularly interest them.</p>	
What will students learn?	Year 12 content	<p><u>Tudors – Henry VII and Henry VIII</u></p> <p>We will look at England under the reign of Henry VII and Henry VIII, investigating key events during each reign and comparing England’s experiences under each monarch. We look at the Wars of the Roses and how Henry VII became King, the political systems each monarch used and their relations with foreign powers, such as Spain, Scotland and France. The course also covers the development of society, religion, arts and learning as well as looking at the development of trade and the extent of prosperity and depression under each monarch.</p> <p><u>Germany – The Weimar Republic and the eventual collapse of democracy</u></p> <p>We will look at how Germany emerged from the First World War and built a new democracy: the Weimar Republic. We will look at the threats it faced and how it was initially successful in dealing with them. The will look at the political and economic problems than emerged during the 1920s and the collapse of democracy in the 1930s. We will also look at how German society changed during this time.</p>
	Year 13 content	<p><u>Tudors – Edward VI, ‘Bloody’ Mary and Elizabeth I</u></p> <p>Building on from year 12, the year 13 course continues the study of the Tudors by looking at Henry VIII’s children. Starting with the brief reign of Edward VI, where we consider how his succession was secured, how a 9 year old ran the country, the changes he brought in terms of religion and the threats he faced. We then look at the further changes during Mary’s even briefer reign, the changes she brought about and the rebellions she faced. Finally we</p>

	<p>look at the reign of Elizabeth I, the initial instability she experienced and how she consolidated her position as Queen, including how she dealt with threats such as the Spanish Armada and Mary, Queen of Scots.</p> <p><u>Germany – The Nazi Dictatorship and the impact of war</u></p> <p>Building on from year 12, the year 13 course continues the study of Germany’s transition from new democracy to fascist dictatorship. We will look at how Hitler consolidated his power and the ‘terror state’ he created. We will also look at the new economic and social policies introduced and how the German state became radicalised under Nazi rule. We will look at the growth of anti-Semitism and the persecution of other groups. We will study the impact of war on Germany, including the economic and social effects. We will also look at the opposition to the Nazis that existed.</p> <p><u>Personal Study – American Civil Rights</u></p> <p>Students will learn about the development of civil rights in America and then select an area they are interested in as the focus of their personal study, for example the role of women within the Civil Rights Movement or the role of Presidents in improving civil rights.</p>
<p>How will students be assessed?</p>	<p>The A Level consists of two exams – both 2 hour 30 minutes long, both have a compulsory source question then a choice of two out of three knowledge questions.</p> <p>The A Level also has a personal study – an essay of 3,000 – 3,500 words on the topic of your choice, related to African American Civil Rights.</p> <p>Each exam is worth 40% of the final grade The personal study is worth 20% of the final grade.</p>
<p>Differentiation</p>	<p>Journal articles Revision resources shared on Moodle Past exam questions Model answers</p>
<p>Resources</p>	<p>Core textbooks: Oxford A level History for AQA: The Tudors: England 1485-1603 Oxford A level History for AQA: Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1918-1945</p>