



History



Course Outline

History A level helps you understand the significance of historical events, the role of individuals in history and the nature of change over time. It will also help you to gain a deeper understanding of the past through political, social, economic and cultural perspectives. You will look at the three following topics and also complete a piece of coursework.

In Search of the American Dream: The USA, c1917-96

This topic looks at the dramatic political, economic and social transformation of the USA in the twentieth century, an era that saw the USA challenged by the consequences of political, economic and social inequalities at home and of its involvement in international conflict. This topic also contains a study in depth of the Reagan presidency had upon the USA in the years 1981–96.

South Africa, 1948-94: from Apartheid State to 'Rainbow Nation'

This topic looks at South Africa during its transition from white minority rule to the free elections of 1994, a long, and at times, dramatic process in which South Africa changed from an apartheid state into a multi-racial democracy.

It also looks at the creation and consolidation of the apartheid regime by the National Party and the response and methods used by their political opponents in

the struggle to overthrow apartheid, as well social, economic and cultural changes that accompanied this process.

Poverty, Public Health, and the State in Britain, c1780-1939

This topic explores the ways in which the British state gradually, and not always successfully, became involved in taking on responsibility for people's health and welfare. This happened in reaction to a rapidly industrialising society, where thousands of people lived out their domestic and working lives in close proximity. The scale of the problem posed a question that is still asked today: where does responsibility for health and welfare lie – with the individual or with society?

Exam Board

Pearson Edexcel

Skills Required

Good communication and presentation skills will be a real asset. Good essay writing skills. Selection and deployment of relevant information. Analysis of sources and evaluative skills.

Entry Requirement

- GCSE English at grade 5 or above.
- Four other GCSE's at grade 5 (or equivalent) or above.



Future opportunities

Access to a broad range of academic courses and employment opportunities such as law, social work, civil service.

