

Helping Your Child with GCSE History

Revision Support and Resources:

- Revision sessions held on a Monday and Wednesday after school, 2:55pm-3:55pm.
- Revision guides for AQA GCSE History available from the school library (£3.50).
- Exam questions booklets for students for each topic.
- AQA specimen exam papers and guidance for students and parents:
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145>
- BBC Bitesize website for GCSE History: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/shp/>
- School History revision website: <http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk/revision/>
- Class notes in exercise books.

Subject Content

Paper 1 1hr 45mins	Paper 2 1hr 45mins
<p style="text-align: center;">America, 1840-1895: Expansion and Consolidation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The changing relationship between the US government and the Plains Indians. ▪ The lives of the Plains Indians. ▪ Westward expansion and the impact. ▪ Increasing conflict on the Great Plains: the wars between Plains Indians and US army. ▪ The American Civil War: causes, outbreak, impact and reconstruction efforts. ▪ Different groups across the Plains: miners, settlers, Mormons, homesteaders. ▪ The end of the Plains Indians' way of life by 1895. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Britain: Health and the People, c1000-present day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medicine Stands Still- medical progress in the Middle Ages. ▪ The Beginnings of Change- Renaissance medicine and improvements. ▪ A Revolution in Medicine- scientific change and understanding. ▪ Modern Medicine- new discoveries and challenges for the present day. ▪ Ideas about the causes of illness, treatments, surgery, doctors and healers. ▪ Key individuals and the role of different factors in medical change and continuity.
<p style="text-align: center;">Conflict and Tension, 1918-1939</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Impact of the aftermath of the First World War on Europe. ▪ The League of Nations and attempts to maintain international peace. ▪ The rise of Hitler and the impact on Europe. ▪ The causes of the Second World War and the events leading to its outbreak. ▪ The policy of appeasement and the impact this had on the outbreak of war. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Elizabethan England, c1568-1603</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elizabeth's early life and problems on her accession to the throne. ▪ Elizabethan government. ▪ Religion: policies, threats and challenges. ▪ Life in Elizabethan England: the poor, the rise of the gentry, the theatre, exploration. ▪ Challenges for Elizabeth: Earl of Essex's rebellion, Mary Queen of Scots, the Spanish Armada