



History A Level

What is the course content?

Year 12: The Norman Conquest

This paper is a source based paper that makes up 25% of the A level and investigates the impact of the Norman Conquest on Anglo Saxon society. The course requires no previous subject knowledge and a range of resources are available including a central bank of electronic resources. Teaching activities are very varied ranging from building Medieval villages, icing Saxon gingerbread men, to peer assessing essays using examiner's mark schemes.

Topics include:

The Battle of Hastings and the Norman Conquest, rebellions and the Harrying of the north, the Feudal system, Domesday, corruption of the church, William Rufus and Henry I.

Year 12: Russia 1894-1941

This unit is an essay based paper and makes up 15% of the total mark. It looks at the development of Russia from the late nineteenth century to the Great Patriotic war period. Factors such as social, economic, political and foreign policy are investigated in detail. The lead up to the Russian revolution, the event itself and the long term consequences for Russia are studied.

Year 13: The changing nature of warfare 1792-1945.

This course accounts for 40% of the A level, is an essay based paper and examines the following factors: Generalship and armies, technological development, tactics and strategy, the relationship between domestic affairs and war are also studied (war poetry, effects on society, the role of women, the home front and the role of spies and espionage are included). These factors are considered for the following conflicts in depth: The French Revolutionary wars 1792-1802, The American Civil war 1861-1865, The First World War 1914-1918. Other conflicts are also studied such as the Napoleonic wars, the Crimean war and World War Two.

Coursework

The coursework essay makes up 20 % of the A level. Students can choose any period to study as long as it covers 200 years. Topics include the Romans, the Vikings, Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth I, The French Revolution, Civil rights, China, Conflict in northern Ireland, the Partition of India.

History leads to: successful application to colleges/universities, careers in the police force, the armed forces, the legal profession, management, teaching, even the entertainment industry, presenting and film directing!

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