

# History



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
GCSE	AQA	8145

## Course Overview



History is about people – real people whose lives were sometimes exciting and sometimes frightening, like the experience of a soldier about to go to war in the jungles of Vietnam. Whatever their lives were about, there's a fascinating, and sometimes tragic, story behind them.

As well as being exciting, this course will help pupils develop skills which will be useful in a wide range of jobs, such as journalism, law, medicine, politics, archaeology, social work, libraries or teaching. To achieve this pupils will study a wide range of history including the development of Britain and how the Cold War shaped the modern world.

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## Topics Covered

- America, 1920 - 1973: Opportunity and Inequality
- Conflict and tension in Asia, 1950 -75
- Britain: Migration, empires and the people: c790 to the present day
- Medieval England: The reign of Edward I, 1272 - 1307

## Assessment

The GCSE is 100% exam based:-

Paper One — Section A — Period Study – USA Opportunity and Inequality 1920—1973

Paper One — Section B — Wider World Depth Study

Conflict and Tension in Asia 1950—1975

2 hour exam = 50% of GCSE

Paper Two — Section A — Thematic Study — Migration, Empires and the People c790 to the Present Day

Paper Two — Section B — British Depth Study and Historic Environment

Medieval England: The Reign of Edward I

2 hour exam = 50% of GCSE

## Course Progression

The obvious progression from GCSE History is to complete an 'A' Level course in History. The AQA GCSE course naturally builds into the AQA 'A' Level course by enhancing the foundation of skills built at GCSE.

A GCSE in History requires a number of important skills including analysis and interpretation as well as the ability to explain and utilise factual information. These skills will aid pupils completing any 'A' Level subjects, particularly those based around the Humanities, like Politics.

## Career Opportunities

The skills built studying History lend themselves to almost any career but in particular these skills are valued by employers in industries like:-

Law, Politics, The Civil Service, Publishing, Education, Journalism, Accounting and The Police Force to name but a few.

## For Further Information

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/history>