

A Level – History - OCR

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Course Description

The specification for A Level History is intended to ignite and engage students' interest in the past.

The topics that will be covered over the two years are:

England 1485-1558 Tudors

Students will undertake a thematic study covering an extended period of approximately 100 years. Looking at the Tudor family, where they came from Henry VIII and his wives and the rebellion when his children were on the throne.

Democracy and dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963

This will be studied in addition to the study of British history. Exploring these years in Germany and the fall of the Weimar Republic, the effects of the war and the reasons for the German defeat. Students will also study the reestablishment of democracy.

Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992

Students will look into the struggle of African Americans after the end of the Civil war and the emancipation of slaves. Civil rights activists such as Martin Luther King Jr, Malcolm X and the Black Panther Party will also be explored, alongside the struggle for female suffrage, trade union and labour movement and the plight of Native Americans from colonial times to modern day.

Assessment

The A Level History qualification consists of four topics. Three of the topics are assessed through an examination paper, and one through coursework, all topics are assessed at the end of the two-year course.

England 1485–1558: the Early Tudors. 1 hour 30-minute exam. 25% weighting

Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919–1963. 1 hour exam. 15% weighting

Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1992. 2-hour 30-minute exam. 40% weighting.

Topic based essay. Non-exam coursework. 20% weighting

Additional Entry Guidance

No prior knowledge of the subject is required; however, we recommend that you have attained communication and literacy skills at a level equivalent to Grade 5 in GCSE English. It must be emphasised that this is not a requirement but may prove helpful, especially when accessing the higher grades at A Level.