



Modern World History

Qualification

OCR GCSE in World History

Objectives

By taking this course, you will gain an understanding of how and why our World developed over the course of only 56 years: and how those changes have shaped our own world today. By using primary and secondary sources, which may be written, visual or spoken, you will learn the reasons why individuals acted as they did in the past, and you will be able to assess what the consequences of their actions were.

Overview

According to the Which consumer guide: *"historians are regarded as having had an education which trains their minds to assemble, organise and present facts and opinions and this is a very useful quality in many walks of life and careers history is an excellent preparation for very many other jobs."* (Which subject, which career? 2002) A well-regarded university states: *"Important abilities and qualities of mind are acquired through the study of History. They are particularly valuable for the graduate as citizen and are readily transferable to many occupations and careers."* (London School of Economics and Political Science).

Skills

Employers need people who are: **tolerant and open-minded, good at problem-solving, independent thinkers, able to select relevant information, able to present an argument and able to organise and present information effectively.** History will equip you with all of these skills.

Course Content

Paper 1

International Relations: The Cold War, 1945 – 1975
Study in Depth: The USA, 1919 – 1941

Paper 2

British Depth Study: How was British Society changed, 1890 – 1918?

Historical Enquiry

A controlled assessment will be taken based on **one** of the following options:

1. The role of the individual
2. A thematic study in Twentieth Century History
3. A Modern World Study
4. A Study in Depth

Assessment

You will take 2 written exams.

Paper one is two hour long and is worth 45% of the final mark. This examines your skills or recall, evaluation and essay-writing.

Paper two is one and a half hours long and is worth 30% of the final mark. This examines your source evaluation skills.

Your historical enquiry task will be examined in controlled conditions during lesson times. This will be worth 25% of the final mark.