History Curriculum Overview

GCSE History
OCR B: Schools History Project

"I fell in love with history at school. Each history lesson was a story, full of surprise and mystery. It was full of people who fascinated, annoyed or amazed us."
Christine Counsell, Historian.

A-Level History
University
Heritage
Law
Journalism
Archivists
Museum curator
Teaching
Professional Historian
Researcher
Author
Politician
Civil Servant

INSPIRE · ACHIEVE · ENJOY

SENECA

YEAR 11

Occupation. What did Nazi rule mean for the people of Europe, 1939-45?

Germany in War. What was the impact of the Second World War on the German people?

Dem Deutschen Volke How did the lives of German people change, 1933-39?

Scholarship: Lawrence Rees; Ian Kershaw; Tim Cole

Taking a stand? What made it so hard to oppose Nazi rule?

Democracy to Dictatorship How were the Nazis able to take control of Germany so quickly?

We the People How did the lives of Americans change, 1877-1900?

'A new birth of Freedom'? What sense can be made of the civil war and its aftermath, 1861-77?

Smoke and Blood Settlement and conflict on the Plains, 1861-77

Visions How did different groups see the American West, 1839-60?

Growing Pains What tensions arose as the USA grew, 1789-1838?

LOCAL HISTORY SITE STUDY - St. Ann's Square, Manchester: Medieval Early Modern Industrial Since 1900

YEAR 10

'Lucky Bastard'? What made William a conqueror in 1066?

'Brutal Slaughter'? Is this how William gained full control of England, 1067-71?

Military fortresses or status symbols? What can research reveal about early Norman castles?

'A truck load of trouble' What was the impact of the Norman Conquest on the English by 1067?

Puzzling, disturbing and strange What explains the nature of medieval crime and punishment?

Crime and Punishment, 1500-1750 More of the same?

All change Why was there so much change in crime, policing and punishment, 1750-1900?

Going nowhere? Should we be encouraged by the story of crime and punishment since 1900?

Too good to be true? What was Anglo-Saxon England really like in 1065?

Post-WW2 British Society
The birth and impact of the NHS.
Migration nation.
The social revolution of the 1960s.
Manchester in the 90s.
Thatcherism.
Terrorism.
The progress of the LGBTQ+ community since WW2.

The Cold War
Political ideologies and the political spectrum.
Berlin throughout the Cold War.
Asia throughout the Cold War.
Cuba throughout the Cold War.
The fall of the wall.
Meanwhile Elsewhere in Space
The Space Race between USSR and USA.

The Holocaust
What was the Holocaust?
Pre-war Jewish life.
The treatment of Jewish people 1933-39.
Life in the ghettos.
Holocaust by bullets.
Resistance to the Holocaust.
Impact of the Holocaust and antisemitism today.

WW2 Turning Points
Causes of WW2.
Dunkirk
The Battle of Britain.
The Blitz.
Operation Barbarossa.
Pearl Harbor.
D-Day.
Hiroshima.

Nazi Germany
Weimar Germany in 1919.
Hitler's early life.
A case study of Northeim showing life for the German people in 1923, 1928, 1932 and 1939.
The ways the Nazis promoted hate.
The impact on young people.
Meanwhile Elsewhere in Britain
Oswald Mosley and British fascism.

GOLDEN THREADS: HEALTH AND THE PEOPLE.

GOLDEN THREADS: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BLACK HISTORY.

GOLDEN THREADS: THE ROLE AND CHANGING ATTITUDES OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

YEAR 9

India and the British Empire
The ending of the Mughal Empire.
India before Britain arrived.
The East India Company.
Life under British rule.
The Indian Mutiny or War of Independence?
The importance of Amritsar.
The legacy of Britain in India.

British America
The reasons for Britain's empire building.
Jamestown.
The impact of life in the colonies.
Britain and the trade in enslaved Africans.
The abolition of the Slave Trade.
Transportation to America.
The American Revolution.

Industrial Revolution: Power and the People
The French Revolution.
Liberty's Dawn.
Peterloo.
Female suffrage.
Experiences of the workhouse.
Meanwhile Elsewhere on the Great USA and the Great Plains.

Industrial Manchester:
A case study of Angel Meadow.
The Manchester Ship Canal.
Irlam Locks
St. Ann's Square
Meanwhile Elsewhere in the USA
The importance of Abraham Lincoln.
The American Civil War.

The First World War
The causes of the First World War.
Recruitment at the start of the war.
Trench warfare and conditions.
The forgotten armies of the Great War.
The experiences of the German troops.
The experiences of the LGBTQ+ community.
The Battle of the Somme and Haig.
DORA and the role of women.
Conscientious Objectors.
The end of the war.
Meanwhile Elsewhere in Ireland and Russia.
The Easter Rising.
The Russian Revolution.

GOLDEN THREADS: MIGRATION AND SLAVERY.

GOLDEN THREADS: ECONOMY, TRADE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

GOLDEN THREADS: THE ROLE AND CHANGING ATTITUDES OF WOMEN.

YEAR 8

Year 7 Scholarship:
Michael Wood.
Emma Brownlee.
Simon Schama.
Christine Counsell.
Tracy Borman.
Don Holloway.
Marc Morris.
Dan Jones.
Peter Frankopan.
Elizabeth Norton.
Miranda Kaufman.
Alison Weir.
Simon Jenkins.

Year 8 Scholarship:
Andrea Stuart
David Olusoga
Peter Frankopan
Niall Ferguson
Shashi Tharoor
Eric Hobsbawm
Robert Poole
Emma Griffin
Fern Riddell
Hallie Rubenhold
Geoffrey Best
Gordon Corrigan
Kit Heyam
Simon Jenkins
Doris Kearns Goodwin

Year 9 Scholarship:
Ian Kershaw
Antony Beever
Peter Frankopan
Leon Greenman
UCL
Arek Hersh
Bridget Kendall
Robert Dallek
Kit Heyam
Simon Jenkins
Andrew Chaikin
Locita Brandy

Early Modern Life
Gunpowder and treason.
Witchcraft and the role of women.
The English Civil War.
The role of women in the Civil War.
The Puritan Laws.
Oliver Cromwell and Ireland.
The Great Plague (Eyam case study).

GOLDEN THREADS: POWER OF THE STATE AND CHURCH.

GOLDEN THREADS: RULES, LAWS, CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS.

GOLDEN THREADS: REVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT AND PROTEST.

YEAR 7

The Tudor Period
The Reformation and Dissolution of the Monasteries.
The role of Tudor women.
The roles of Black Tudors.
The popular interpretations of the Tudors.

Medieval Power
The Magna Carta.
Simon de Montfort and Parliament.
The power of the Church.
The power of women in Medieval society.
The Black Death (Walsham case study).
The impact of the Black Death.
The Peasants' Revolt.
Meanwhile Elsewhere in Medieval Mali
Power in Medieval Mali.

Norman Society
The 1066 contenders to the throne.
The story of the Bayeux Tapestry
The impact on women, peasants and thegns.
A case study of the village of Bourn.
Matilda's role in the invasion.
Crime and Punishment under the Normans.

The Tollund Man
What is the mystery of the Tollund Man?
What are historians?
Who are the historians?
Interpretations of Anglo-Saxon England.

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"Study the historian before you begin to study the facts." Edward Hallett Carr, Historian.