Welcome to GCSE History





Specification Information

Four topics:

Paper 1: Medicine 1250-present day, including WW1.
A study of the changes in the beliefs about the causes disease and illness over time. You will learn how events, people and institutions have encouraged or held back progress. You will also carry out a case study about the impact World War One had on medicine and surgery.
Visit the course content document here: https://vle.westhillschool.co.uk/course/view.php?id=490

Paper 2a: Superpower relations and the Cold War 1945-91
A study of the main developments that unfolded between the USA and the USSR during the period known as the 'Cold War'.
Visit the course content document here: https://vle.westhillschool.co.uk/course/view.php?id=487

Paper 2b:Early Elizabethan England 1558-88

A study of the social, economic, political, religious and military changes that took place under Elizabeth I. Visit the course content document here: https://vle.westhillschool.co.uk/course/view.php?id=488

Paper 3: Germany 1919-39
A study of the social, economic, political, religious and military changes that took place in Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-39. You will also learn to analyse and evaluate a range of contemporary sources.
Visit the course content document here: https://vle.westhillschool.co.uk/course/view.php?id=489

What you will learn

You will learn how significant events, people and decisions have shaped the world we live in. Key questions include...

How does war improve medicine?

Why was there a Catholic conspiracy to kill the Queen?

What were the consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis on Cold war relations?

How did Hitler become the Chancellor of Germany in 1933?

And understanding the past is the key to understanding the present.

Was vaccination the most important medical breakthrough 1700-1900?

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Question types

Here are some examples of the exam questions you will prepare for.

6 'Providing access to care and treatment has been the most important development in the role of government in medicine in the years c1800–present.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

(16)

You may use the following in your answer:

- National Health Service (NHS), 1948
- Public Health Act, 1875

You must also use information of your own.

Write a narrative account analysing the key events of the Hungarian Uprising in 1956.

(8)

You may use the following in your answer:

- Imre Nagy
- Soviet tanks

You must also use information of your own.

Explain why the Nazis were able to create a police state in the years 1933-39.

(12)

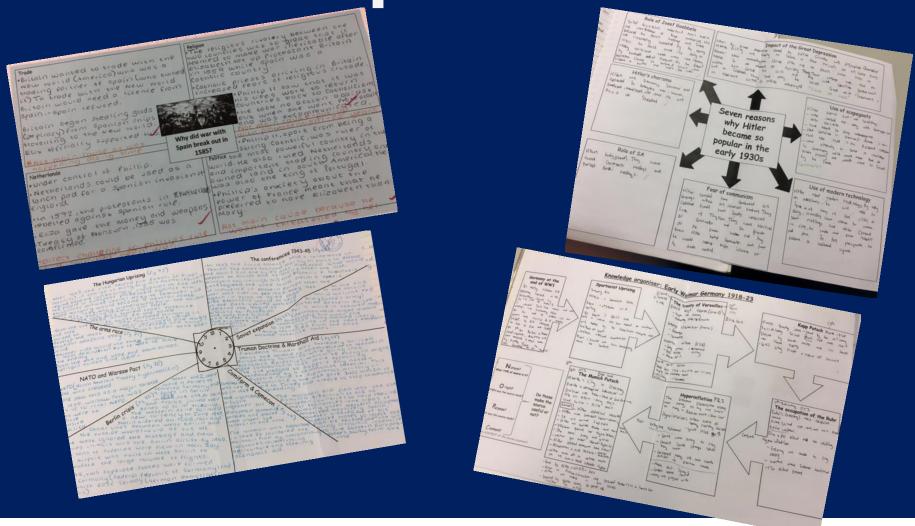
You may use the following in your answer:

- · concentration camps
- law courts

You must also use information of your own.



Examples of work



Skills developed

You will:

- Develop your skills of analysis and evaluation through gathering, investigating and assessing material.
- Develop your abilities to reason and argue your point of view clearly.
- Learn to base conclusions on research.
- Learn to put together a logical argument.
- Become much more critical of what you read and hear in the news
- Develop transferable skills such as independent learning, literacy, open mindedness and developing a clear argument. History is more than learning about names and dates!

Careers/next steps

History is a subject that will develop your skills of **analysis** and **evaluation**. Therefore it could prepare you for:

- 'A' Level in subjects such as History, English, Sociology, Law, Government and Politics.
- Work in sectors such as education, journalism, law, civil service, cultural services such as libraries and museums.
- Many employers view History as a desirable subject because of the transferable skills you develop, particularly keeping an open mind.

Where can you find more information?

- Follow our updates on Twitter @WH_Hist
- https://www.westhillschool.co.uk/curriculum/subject-areas/history

The History department in school.