



History Curriculum Overview

Key Stage 3- Year 9

Basic Skills

Students learn to write IGCSE-style essays consolidating skills from years 6-8 focusing on second-order concepts such as causation, change and continuity, significance and two-sided arguments. Students also deepen their source evaluation skills.

What was the most significant turning point of World War II for the allies?

Students will study the most significant events of the Second World War through a series of case studies, highlighting the key events and importance of these within the context of the overall war. Students are encouraged to make linkages between disparate events and finally to compare and contrast these events in an essay format to assess their significance.

Why did the Holocaust happen?

Students are encouraged to empathise with the discrimination, prejudice and persecution suffered by Germany's Jews at the hands of the Nazis. Students are made aware of how prejudice can be weaponised to marginalise and attack minority groups within society. Students will also study primary source materials in order to assess them for reliability, utility and trustworthiness.

What was the most significant factor in the success of the American Civil Rights movement?

Students will survey the position of African-Americans in American society at the end of World War II and then explore the most significant events between then and 1964 leading to the passing the Civil Rights Acts by the US government. Students are encouraged to empathise with the position of black Americans at the time and also assess the relative importance of different events in the overall success of the movement.

Intro to IGCSE History: Why was Berlin so important in the story of the Cold War?

As a preview of IGCSE History, students will study the role of one key flashpoint of the Cold War, Berlin, from 1945-89. Through this, students will learn how the city was often a microcosm of geopolitical tensions between the USSR and the West as well as getting a preview of the Superpowers 1943-72 depth study option.