

History Year 10 and Year 11

Name of the Subject: History

Exam Board: Cambridge (IGCSE)

Specific Options / Components: Option B: The 20th century: International Relations since 1919

Depth study option: The USA, 1919–41

Overall Aims and Objectives of the Syllabus:

The aims of Cambridge IGCSE History are to:

- stimulate an interest in and enthusiasm for learning about the past
- promote the acquisition of knowledge and understanding of individuals, people and societies in the past
- ensure that learners' knowledge is rooted in an understanding of the nature and use of historical evidence
- promote an understanding of key historical concepts: cause and consequence, change and continuity, and similarity and difference
- provide a sound basis for further study and the pursuit of personal interest
- encourage international understanding
- encourage the development of historical skills, including investigation, analysis, evaluation and communication skills.

Course Outline:

History IGCSE	
Year 10	
Term 1:	
September – October: Were the peace treaties of 1919–23 fair? / To what extent was the League of Nations a success?	
November-December: Why had international peace collapsed by 1939?	
Term 2:	
January-February: Depth Study: The USA, 1919–41	
March-April: Depth Study: The USA, 1919–41	
Term 3:	
May: Depth Study: The USA, 1919–41	
June: Depth Study: The USA, 1919–41	
Year 11	
Term 1:	
September – October: Who was to blame for the Cold War? / How effectively did the USA contain the spread of Communism?	
November-December: How secure was the USSR's control over Eastern Europe, 1948–c.1989?	
Term 2:	
January-February: Why did events in the Gulf matter	

March-April: Why did events in the Gulf matter, c.1970–2000? / Revision
Term 3: Exams

Final IGCSE Assessment:

All candidates take:

Paper 1	2 hours	Weighting:
Written paper Candidates answer two questions from Section A (Core Content) and one question from Section B (Depth Study). All questions are in the form of structured essays, split into three parts: (a), (b) and (c). Externally marked 60 mark		40%

and:

Paper 2	2 hours	Weighting
Written paper Candidates answer six questions on one prescribed topic taken from the Core Content. There is a range of source material relating to each topic. For the examination in 2017, the prescribed topic is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were the peace treaties of 1919–23 fair? For the examination in 2018, the prescribed topic is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent was the League of Nations a success? For the examination in 2019, the prescribed topic is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How effectively did the USA contain the spread of Communism? Externally marked 50 marks		33%

and

Paper 4	1 hour	Weighting
Written paper – alternative to Coursework Candidates answer one question on a Depth Study. Externally marked 40 marks		27%

Assessments: End of unit tests / projects / formative assessments / Mid-Year Exam / Mock and Final Exams.

Resources: History in Focus: GCSE Modern World History, 2nd Edition: Ben Walsh; 2010.

Supplies required by students for the course:

- pens (red and blue/black), pencils, erasers