



General Information

Description

Exam board: Edexcel

There are four topics covered, all of which are assessed through exams in the summer of Year 11.

Exam papers

Paper 1: Thematic Study (Medicine through Time, 1250-present) + Historic Environment (The British Sector of the Western Front, 1914-1918: injuries, treatment and the trenches). 1 hour 15 minutes, 30% of the GCSE.

Paper 2: Period Study (Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-1991) + British Depth Study (Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588). 1 hour 45 minutes, 40% of the GCSE.

Paper 3: Modern Depth Study (Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917-1941). 1 hour 20 minutes, 30% of the GCSE.

Topic Breakdown

Year 10 topics

Term 1: Western Front and Elizabeth

Term 2: Elizabeth and Medicine

Term 3: Medicine

Year 10 topic details

Early Elizabethan England

This is the British Depth Study. All three exam questions will focus on knowledge. It covers three key topics, which are:

Key Topic 1: Queen, government and religion, 1558-1569

Key Topic 2: Challenges to Elizabeth at home and abroad, 1569-1588

Key Topic 3: Elizabethan Society in the Age of Exploration, 1558-1588

School Textbook: Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588, Pearson, ISBN: 978-1292127262

Revision Guide (available from the Library, on ParentPay): Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Early Elizabethan England Revision Guide and Workbook, Pearson, ISBN: 978-1292169712

Alternative Revision Guide: My Revision Notes: Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88, Hodder, ISBN: 978-1510403246

Medicine Through Time:

This is the Thematic Study. It focuses on ideas about cause of disease and illness, approaches to prevention and treatment, and seven different case studies. All three exam questions will focus on knowledge. The topic covers four key topics, which are:

Key Topic 1: Medicine in Medieval England, 1250-1500; Case Study: the Black Death (1348-49).

Key Topic 2: The Medical Renaissance in England, 1500-1700; Case Studies: William Harvey and the circulation of blood, Dealing with the Great Plague (1665).

Key Topic 3: Medicine in 18th and 19th century Britain, 1700-1900; Case Studies: Jenner and the development of vaccination, Fighting Cholera in London (1854).

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Key Topic 4: Medicine in modern Britain, 1900-present; Case Studies: Fleming, Florey and Chain's development of Penicillin, The fight against Lung Cancer in the 21st century.

The British Sector of the Western Front:

This is the Historic Environment. It fits into the overall theme of 'Medicine Through Time', but covers this specific time period in much more detail. In the exam, pupils will be asked one 'knowledge' question and two 'source-based' questions.

School Textbook: Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Medicine through time, c1250-present, Pearson, ISBN: 978-1292127378

Revision Guide (available from the Library, on ParentPay): Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Medicine in Britain Revision Guide and Workbook, Pearson, ISBN: 978-1292169729

Alternative revision guide: My Revision Notes: Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Medicine in Britain, c1250-present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914-18, Hodder, ISBN: 978-1510403215

Year 11 topics

Term 1: Russia

Term 2: Russia and Cold War

Term 3: Cold War and revision

Year 11 topic details

Russia and the Soviet Union

This is the Modern Depth Study. It requires pupils to understand the changes in Russia, from 1917 to 1941, in a lot of detail. The six exam questions will focus on sources, knowledge and historical interpretations. There are four key topics, which are:

Key Topic 1: The revolutions of 1917

Key Topic 2: The Bolsheviks in power, 1917-24

Key Topic 3: Stalin's rise to power and dictatorship, 1924-41

Key Topic 4: Economic and social changes, 1924-1941

School Textbook: Hodder GCSE History for Edexcel: Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917-41, Hodder, ISBN: 978-1471861970

Revision Guide (available from the Library, on ParentPay): Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Russia and the Soviet Union Revision Guide and Workbook, Pearson, ISBN: 978-1292176437

Superpower Relations and the Cold War

This is the Period Study. All three exam questions will focus on knowledge. There are three key topics, which are:

Key Topic 1: The origins of the Cold War, 1941-58

Key Topic 2: Cold War crises, 1958-70

Key Topic 3: The end of the Cold war, 1970-91

School Textbook: Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91, Pearson, ISBN: 978-1292127279

Revision Guide (available from the Library, on ParentPay): Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Superpower relations and the Cold War Revision Guide and Workbook, Pearson, ISBN: 978-1292169750

Alternative Revision Guide: My Revision Notes: Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91, Hodder, ISBN: 978-1510403253

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Additional information

Key Assessments

Pupils will be assessed by their teacher at the end of every 'Key Topic'. They will also have regular knowledge tests throughout the course, which they will be expected to revise for too. In addition to this, they will complete papers for History in the Year 10 mocks in their summer term and the Year 11 mocks in the autumn term.

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