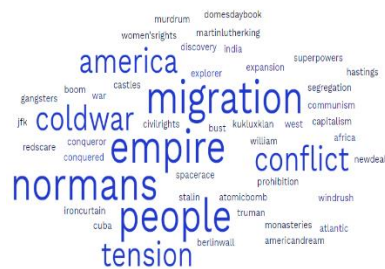




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# AQA GCSE History



## Why should I study GCSE History?



History is continuously changing the world around us and historic events have helped to shape our society. Learning about past events and the people who've influenced history will allow you to understand how the world got to the point it is at now and how it will continue to develop in the future. History is a GCSE subject that is highly regarded amongst colleges, universities and employers.

## What will I study?



GCSE History is studied in four elements:

**Period Study. America, 1920–1973: Opportunity and inequality.** This unit focuses on the development of the USA during a turbulent half century of change, when some Americans lived the 'American Dream' whilst others grappled with the nightmare of poverty, discrimination and prejudice.

**Wider World Depth Study: Conflict and Tension between East and West, 1945–1972** This unit focuses on the causes and events of the Cold War and seeks to show how and why conflict occurred and why it proved difficult to resolve the tensions which arose during the Cold War.

**Thematic study. Britain: Migration, empires and the people c.790–present.** This unit is a study in development; investigating migration to, from and around Britain to gain an understanding of how the identity of the people of Britain has been shaped by their interaction with the wider world.

**British Depth Study, including the historic environment: Norman England c.1066–c.1100** This unit will study the arrival of the Normans and the establishment of their rule. The historic environment is a depth study of a specific site linked to a feature of the Norman's unit. The site changes each year.

## How will I be assessed?



GCSE History is assessed in two exams at the end of the course.

- Paper 1: Period and world depth studies. Examination lasting 2 hours. Worth 50% of final grade.
- Paper 2: Thematic study and British depth study. Examination lasting 2 hours. Worth 50% of final grade.

## Which skills will I develop and use?



Apart from studying a wide range of exciting historic periods, you'll learn a range of handy skills that will help you with A-levels and future work. These include:

- excellent communication and writing skills
- how to construct an argument
- research and problem skills
- investigation and problem-solving skills
- analytical and interpretation skills.

## How will I be able to use this subject in my future career?



The skills acquired through the study of History at GCSE are useful to students wishing to study a variety of subjects post 16, in particular history, law, politics, sociology, English and media.

History is very useful for the world of work. Its study helps create the skills needed by: Solicitors & Barristers; Politicians; Business men & women; TV presenters; Police officers; Comedians; Computer game designers; Teachers. In fact, the skills you develop while studying History can be used in ANY occupation.