

**Subject: History – Option A****Qualification: A level****Course overview**

Students will study the USA from 1865 to 1975, the making of a Superpower, and the making of modern Britain, 1951-2007. Students will develop their knowledge, critical thinking and understanding of the political, economic and social issues during these times. Students will develop a heightened awareness in explaining contemporary issues.

The coursework element provides students with the opportunity to trace various themes and issues over one hundred years, using and evaluating a range of sources and interpretations.

**How is the course assessed?**

Grades A\*-E awarded. The A level course is assessed by two final exams (breadth and depth study) worth 80% and one internally assessed piece of 4500 words worth 20% of the overall Grade.

**Where can A level history take you?**

Completion of this qualification will give between 16 and 56 UCAS points, to gain entry onto a degree course or entry into the workplace. History can lead to further study or careers including Law, Finance, Media, Social Policy and the Civil Service.

**Case Study**

<b>Year Group and Term</b>	<b>Subject Knowledge</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Curriculum/CIAG Links</b>
<b>Year 12 Term 1</b>	<b>1K: The Era of Reconstruction, 1865-77</b>	Essay paragraph x2	Following a brief overview of the American Civil War and the divide between North and South, students will begin to

			look at the history of America in this period chronologically A breadth study of political, economic, social history and foreign affairs
	<b>2S: The Affluent Society, 1951-1964</b>	Essay paragraph x2	A depth study of political, social, economic and foreign affairs in this time period
<b>Year 12 Term 2</b>	<b>1K: The Gilded Age, 1877-90</b>	Term 2 Exam - Essay Essay paragraph x 1 Essay x 1	A breadth study of political, economic, social history and foreign affairs.
	<b>2S: The Affluent Society, 1951-1964</b>	Term 2 exam- Essay Essay plan/judgement paragraph x 1 Essay x 1	A depth study of political, social, economic and foreign affairs in this time period
<b>Year 12 Term 3</b>	<b>1K: Progressivism and Imperialism, the USA 1890-1912</b>	Extract question x 1 Essay x 1	A breadth study of political, economic, social history and foreign affairs
	<b>2S: The Sixties, 1964-1970</b>	Essay x 1 Source question x 1	A depth study of political, social, economic and foreign affairs in this time period
<b>Year 12 Term 4</b>	<b>1K: Emergence on the World Stage, 1912-20</b>	Term 4 Exam – Extract question Essay x 1	A breadth study of political, economic, social history and foreign affairs

	<b>2S: The Sixties, 1964-1970</b>	Term 4 Exam- Source question Essay x 1	A depth study of political, social, economic and foreign affairs in this time period
<b>Year 12 Term 5</b>	<b>1K: The return to normalcy, 1919-32</b>	Extract question x1 Essay x 1	A breadth study of political, economic, social history and foreign affairs
	<b>2S: The end of Post-War Consensus, 1970-1979</b>	Essay x 1 Source question x 1	A depth study of political, social, economic and foreign affairs in this time period
<b>Year 12 Term 6</b>	<b>NEA: Writing a question and research</b>	NEA plans Exam - Extract question and essay	This unit will introduce students to the expectations for the Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) and they will begin their independent research and question writing. Deadline: February of Year 13
	<b>2S: The end of Post-War Consensus, 1970-1979</b>	Essay x 1 Source question x 1	A depth study of political, social, economic and foreign affairs in this time period
<b>Year 13 Term 1</b>	<b>1K: The return to normalcy, 1919-32, The New Deal in the 1930s</b>	Essay NEA factor	A breadth study of political, economic, social history and foreign affairs

	<b>2S: The impact of Thatcherism, 1979-1987</b>	Essay x 1 Source question x 1	A depth study of political, social, economic and foreign affairs in this time period
<b>Year 13 Term 2</b>	<b>1K: New Deals and the new direction in international relations, 1933-45</b>	NEA draft Exam – Extract question and essay	A breadth study of political, economic, social history and foreign affairs
	<b>2S: The impact of Thatcherism, 1979-1987</b>	Exam - Source question and essay Essay x 1	A depth study of political, social, economic and foreign affairs in this time period
<b>Year 13 Term 3</b>	<b>1K: Post war America, 1945-75</b>	NEA full draft Extract question Essay Mock Exam: Extract question and 2 essays	A breadth study of political, economic, social history and foreign affairs
	<b>2S: Towards a new consensus, 1987-1999</b>	Essay x 1 Source question x 1	A depth study of political, social, economic and foreign affairs in this time period
<b>Year 13 Term 4</b>	<b>1K: Conflict at home and abroad, 1945-75</b>	NEA final essay Extract and essay	A breadth study of political, economic, social history and foreign affairs
	<b>2S: The era of new Labour, 1997-2007</b>	Essay x 1 Source question x 1	A depth study of political, social, economic and foreign affairs in this time period

<b>Year 13 Term 5</b>	<b>1K: Revision</b>	Revision notes Revision essays Revision extracts	Independent revision and improvement of exam technique
	<b>2S: Revision</b>	Revision notes Practice essays/sources	Revision and improvement of exam techniques
<b>Year 13 Term 6</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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