

GCSE History

☐ CORE COMPULSORY
☐ NON-QUALIFICATION
☑ OPTION
☑ *EBACC* SUBJECT

Examination board: WJEC/Eduqas Course code: C100QS

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Course Description

History at Thamesmead is made up of 4 topic areas, each focussing on a distinct period or theme in history.

Component 1: Studies in Depth

- **The Elizabethan Age, 1558-1603** – In depth study of Elizabeth I: Elizabeth's popularity, lifestyles of the rich and poor during the Tudor period, the religious problems, threats against Elizabeth, the Spanish Armada.
- **Germany in Transition, 1919-39** – In depth study of Germany between WW1 and WW2: Problems of the Weimar Republic, the rise of the Nazis, life in Nazi Germany, Hitler's foreign policy (lead up to WWII).

Component 2: Studies in Breadth

- **The Development of the USA, 1929-2000** – Breath study of USA in the 20th century: the Depression, boom in the 1950s, changes in popular culture (Music, Film, TV), the Cold War (Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam), the war with Iraq.
- **Changes in Crime and Punishment in Britain, 500-present** – Breadth study of crime and punishment over time: changes in crime, punishment and policing – e.g. prisons, the Bow Street Runners, the introduction of the police force, the development of forensic science and DNA.

Entry Requirements

Enthusiasm and interest in the subject. Good prior achievement in KS3 History and English e.g. literacy and writing skills.

Key Skills

Organisation, analysis of sources and interpretations, extended writing and independent learning. Empathy, research skills, report writing and communicating ideas.

Cost

Exam board revision book £8.80. All other course materials will be provided by the department.

Assessment

100% Exam based (no coursework)
Component 1 – 50% of grade

- The Elizabethan Age – 1 Hour Exam
- Germany in Transition – 1 Hour Exam

Component 2 – 50% of grade

- Development of the USA – 45 Minute Exam
- Changes in Crime and Punishment – 1 hour 15-minute

Careers

History is relevant for many careers because of the skills and understanding of the wider world that it develops. Careers for which it is especially useful are law, journalism, politics, civil service, social work, marketing, advertising, media, international organisations and charities.

Further education opportunities

The GCSE course prepares you very well for AS and A2 level History if you wish to take it at college. GCSE History is also a solid base for any other academic subject due to the skills involved. It goes particularly well alongside Law, Economics, Psychology, English, Geography, Politics, Criminology, Sociology.

Enrichment and Support

Two trips to central London:
Year 10 – Imperial War Museum
Year 11- Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament / National Portrait Gallery. Weekly after school revision clinics in Year 11.