

GCSE HISTORY

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

Component 1: Studies in Depth

Written examinations: 2 hours (split into two papers of 1 hour duration each)
50% of qualification

This component is in two parts and offers a choice of **eight** Studies in Depth - four British and four non-British. Centres choose **one** British Study in Depth from the following:

- 1A. Conflict and Upheaval: England, 1337-1381
- 1B. The Elizabethan Age, 1558-1603
- 1C. Empire, Reform and War: Britain, 1890-1918
- 1D. Austerity, Affluence and Discontent: Britain, 1951-1979

Centres choose **one** non-British Study in Depth from the following:

- 1E. The Crusades, c.1095-1149
- 1F. The Voyages of Discovery and Conquest of the Americas, 1492-1522
- 1G. Germany in Transition, 1919-1939
- 1H. The USA: A Nation of Contrasts, 1910-1929

The British and non-British Studies in Depth must be from different historical eras.

Each study will be assessed by compulsory questions focusing extensively on the analysis and evaluation of historical sources and interpretations. There will also be questions testing second order historical concepts.

Component 2: Studies in Breadth

Written examinations: 2 hours (split into two papers of 45 minutes for the Period Study and 1 hour 15 minutes for the Thematic Study)
50% of qualification

This component is in two parts and offers a choice of **four** Period Studies and **four** Thematic Studies. Centres choose **one** Period Study from the following:

- 2A. The Development of the USA, 1929-2000
- 2B. The Development of Germany, 1919-1991
- 2C. The Development of the USSR, 1924-1991
- 2D. The Development of the UK, 1919-1990

Centres choose **one** Thematic Study from the following:

- 2E. Changes in Crime and Punishment, c.500 to the present day
- 2F. Changes in Health and Medicine, c.500 to the present day
- 2G. The Development of Warfare, c.500 to the present day
- 2H. Changes in Entertainment and Leisure, c.500 to the present day

The requirement to study an historic site is part of the Thematic Study.

Each study will be assessed by compulsory questions focusing extensively on second order historical concepts including continuity, change, cause, consequence, significance, similarity and difference.

This linear qualification will be available in the summer series each year. It will be awarded for the first time in summer 2018.