History



Career Options

Law

Media

Politics

Public sector

Economics

Teaching

Subject Content

P1: Conflict and tension 1918-1939:

A study of the inter-war period between the First and Second World War. We study the Treaty of Versailles and how Germany was 'punished' for their part in the First World War, how the League of Nations was set up to keep peace but failed to do so during the 1930s. We then look at Adolf Hitler's attempts to overturn the Treaty of Versailles and achieve his aims to make Germany great again. This includes his foreign policy and occupation of land in Europe which resulted in a Second World War

P1: America: Opportunity and Inequality 1920-73:

A study of the significant events and people in the USA during part of the 20th century. This will cover the 'Roaring Twenties'-prosperity, culture, flapper and gangsters. Followed by the crash and Depression during the 1930s, and then onto the post war era of the American Dream, McCarthyism and the campaign for civil rights.

P2: Britain: health and the people c1000-present:

A through time study where we focus on how healthcare has developed over a 1000 year period. We start at the Middle Ages and go right through to the present day, focusing on developments in surgery, public health and disease and infection. Topics include the Black Death, the discovery of germs and the creation of the NHS.

P2: Norman England 1066-1100

A short British study of the last successful invader of England: William the Conqueror. We study how William was able to win the Battle of Hastings and gain control of the English people, the changes he introduced to ordinary life like the feudal system, law and religion.

Assessment Information

EXAMINATION ONLY SUBJECT

PAPER 1: Understanding the Modern World (50%)

Written Examination Paper – 2 hours (10 exam questions ranging from 4 marks to 20 marks)

PAPER 2: Shaping the Nation (50%)

Written Examination Paper – 2 hours (8 exam questions ranging from 8 marks to 20 marks)

SKILLS REQUIRED:

Enquiring mind-set to question ideas about the past, good level of literacy to express opinions and explain events in extended writing, resilience to cope with the demands of a challenging course and the motivation to try your best!

Why Study...?

- HISTORY teaches us about the world in which we live today, who we are, where we come from & asks why?
- HISTORY is a challenging & interesting subject which deals with big issues like power, discrimination & war

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