

GCSE History



Career Options

- Politics
- Journalism
- Law
- Advertising
- PR
- Police
- Forensics
- Armed forces

Subject Content

Paper 1 – Understanding the Modern World

Section A: America, 1920-1973 – Opportunity & Equality

The Roaring 20s, Prohibition, Gangsters, Entertainment, the Wall Street Crash, The Great Depression, impact of WWII, the Civil Rights Movement, The Feminist Movement of the 1960s

Section B: Conflict & Tension: The inter-war years, 1919-1939

The Armistice, the Treaty of Versailles and the impact on Germany, The League of Nations during the 1920s, Failures of the League of Nations during the 1930s, Hitler's aims and road to WWII

Paper 2 – Shaping the Nation

Section A: Britain- Health & the people, 1000c-Modern day

Medieval ideas of causes and preventions of diseases, the Black Death, The Great Plague, Early modern impact on surgery, Vaccinations, public health during the 19th century, the creation of the NHS

Section B: Norman England, 1066-1100

Contenders to the throne in 1066, Battle of Hastings, Norman changes to religion, towns and villages, changes to law and order

Assessment Information

Paper 1 – Understanding the Modern World

Section A: America, 1920-1973 – Opportunity & Equality

6 questions that covers the whole time period

Total mark of this paper is 40 marks

Worth 50% of Paper 1 and 25% overall

Section B: Conflict & Tension: The inter-war years, 1919-1939

4 questions that covers the whole time period

Total mark of this paper is 44 marks (4 additional marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Worth 50% of Paper 1 and 25% overall

Paper 2 – Shaping the Nation

Section A: Britain- Health & the people, 1000c-Modern day

4 questions that covers the whole time period

Total mark of this paper is 44 marks (4 additional marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Worth 50% of Paper 2 and 25% overall

Section B: Norman England, 1066-1100

4 questions that covers the whole time period

Total mark of this paper is 40 marks

Worth 50% of Paper 2 and 25% overall

Both exams are 2 hours in length (students advised to spend 1 hour on Section A and 1 hour on Section B)

Why Study...?

"How do you know who you are unless you know where you come from? How can you tell what's going to happen, unless you know what's happened before? History isn't just about the past. It is about why we are who we are – and about what's next".

Tony Robinson, Actor & Television presenter.

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