

# History

## GCE Student Guide



Rewarding Learning

If you have an inquisitive mind and enjoy finding out about the past, you will enjoy studying GCE History.

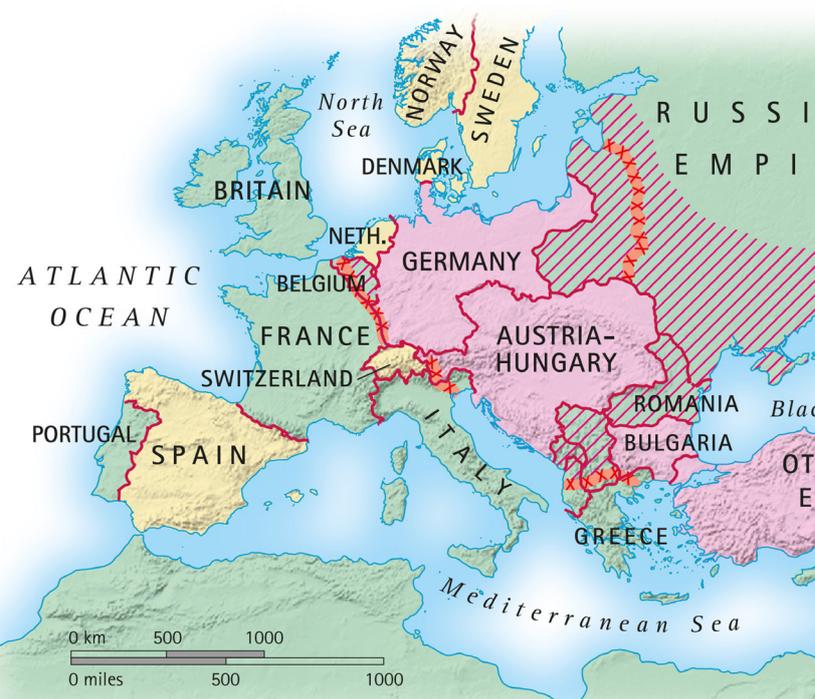
Studying GCE History gives you the opportunity to explore critical issues in history and gives you a better understanding of the consequences of past actions on civilisations and a greater empathy for people of different cultures today.

The AS course can be taken as a final qualification or as the first half of the A level qualification. If you wish to obtain a full A level qualification, you must complete the second half of the course referred to as A2.

### Why study History?

Studying GCE History will give you the opportunity to explore key political, economic and social events which have shaped our present. It will build upon your understanding of the past and ability to make links and draw comparisons between historical periods and to identify significant turning points.

You will develop critical thinking skills which will enable you to evaluate a range of evidence and appreciate different interpretations of the past. You will acquire a better understanding of the reasons for significant historical actions and be better informed about current affairs, and you will have the ability to place what is reported in the news about local, national and international events in its historical context.



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### What will I study?

Unit	Areas of Study
<b>AS 1</b>	Historical Investigations and Interpretations
<b>AS 2</b>	Historical Conflict and Change
<b>A2 1</b>	Change Over Time
<b>A2 2</b>	Historical Investigations and Interpretations

### How will I be assessed?

Unit	Assessment Description	Weighting
<b>AS 1:</b> Historical Investigations and Interpretations	External written examination with a short response question and two-part source question. 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS 20% of A level
<b>AS 2:</b> Historical Conflict and Change	External written examination with two questions each with two parts, a short response question and an essay. 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of AS 20% of A level
<b>A2 1:</b> Change Over Time	External written examination with one essay question. 1 hour 15 minutes	20% of A level
<b>A2 2:</b> Historical Investigations and Interpretations	External written examination with two source-based questions and one essay. 2 hours 30 minutes	40% of A level

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### What can I do with a qualification in History?

History can open up a wide range of opportunities for further and higher education and interesting and rewarding careers.

If you wish to continue with your study of history at degree level, you will need to complete the full A level course comprising the two units at AS together with the two at A2.

Through following this course, you will have the opportunity to develop skills that are transferable and are highly sought after by employers. You will have the opportunity to develop your skills and increase your self-confidence through research, having a questioning approach to evidence, arguing a case, reaching balanced conclusions based on the evidence and writing in a clear and coherent way.

Many history students go on to have interesting and challenging careers, for example in the media, politics, teaching, business, finance or civil service.

An interest in history may even direct you to a more specialist career as an archaeologist, archivist historical researcher, solicitor, barrister, museum curator or genealogist.

To find out more, visit the **CCEA Website** for the latest support and updates for this subject.

