



Edexcel A Level History

*“Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it”
George Santayana*

Subject Information

Henry Ford said in 1910 that ‘History is bunk’. Ford obviously did not appreciate the human history involved in creating the automobile. For example, the invention of the wheel was a human staple dating back some 5,000 years.

History links the past and present, which is essential for a good understanding of the condition of being human. It helps develop and extend your knowledge and understanding of specified key events, periods and societies in local, British, and wider world history; and of the wide diversity of human experience.

History develops your ability to analyse a diverse array of data, to provide a reasoned interpretation of the said data and give a reasoned critique of one's own and other people's interpretations. These are invaluable life and work skills

Career Pathways

History is one of the five subjects which the best universities in the country expect you to have studied at GCSE and A Level. It is also one of the most popular subjects studied and compliments other subjects such as Sociology, Law and Politics.

History is a respected subject also provides an excellent range of career opportunities. These include academia, journalism, public affairs and public relations, law, and teaching.

Course Content

Exam Papers	Exam Time	Total Marks
Paper 1: Britain transformed, 1918-1997	2 hours 15 minutes	60
Paper 2: The USA, 1955-92, Change and Conformity	1 hour 30 minutes	40
Paper 3: The witch craze in Britain, Europe and North America, c1580-c1750	2 hours 15 minutes	60
Paper 4: Coursework. Appeasement or Hitler's power	N/A	40

Entry Requirements: A Grade 6 in GCSE History

Complementary subjects: *Ethics and Philosophy, Politics, Psychology, Economics, Law*

Excellence in thinking: [BBC History Magazine](#), [BBC History Revealed](#) & [BBC World Histories - HistoryExtra](#)