

AS/A2 Level History

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Exam Board: OCR H106/H506 History A

Format of the course

This course enables you to acquire the skills to think analytically. If you enjoy working independently and you are genuinely interested in the past, then you will very much enjoy this course.

Activities

You will learn how to write essays and much time will be spent analysing writing styles. You will read a wide selection of History books both primary and secondary sources. You can expect to participate in many discussions and debates. You will attend lectures where eminent historians will speak on the subjects you will be studying. You will watch documentaries, and you will deliver presentations.

Homework

Students will be expected to take their reading well beyond that of the classroom. You will be given specific tasks on a weekly basis. Your end result will be very dependent on how enthusiastic you are and how much you are prepared to enjoy History around you.

Module F964: Document Studies – The German Reformation 1517-1546

This paper deals with the origins, course and impact of the Reformation in Germany between 1517-1546. We will be looking at the state of the Roman Catholic Church in 1500, and how Martin Luther developed his ideas from 1517 onwards. We will be studying how this changed Germany by 1546. This is the study of one of the most important periods in European History. This paper will be assessed in a 1½ hour examination and will focus on analysis of documents.

Module F961: Option 1 - Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450-1509

This module focuses on the Wars of the Roses and particularly the reigns of Edward IV and Richard III. It develops into a study of the establishment of the Tudor dynasty and the strength of Henry VII's monarchy. This paper is assessed in a 1½ hour examination.

A2 History:

Module F965 Coursework Unit on Elizabeth I 1558-1603

This module is coursework based and is assessed through two 2000 word essays. The focus is on the reign of Elizabeth I and investigates her control of parliament and approach to religion and marriage. There is a particular emphasis on the way in which Elizabeth's rule has been interpreted by 20th century historians.

Module F966 Option B - Russia and its rulers 1855-1964

This paper deals with the nature of Russian government and its impact on the Russian people and society. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between the autocratic rule of the tsars to 1917 and the subsequent Communist dictatorship. This module is assessed through a 2 hour examination in which candidates are required to write two essays.