

# History A Level

## Exam Board: AQA

### Subject Specific Criteria:

- **Grade 5 in GCSE History**
- **Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or English Literature.**

As a GCE History student, you will understand the significance of historical events, the role of individuals in history and the nature of change over time. You will gain a deeper understanding of the past through political, social, economic, and cultural perspectives. The engaging topics available to you throughout the course, will provide you with the knowledge and transferrable skills required to succeed not only as an A-level historian but also as a future employee, and pro-active citizen.

You will study a: Breadth study: The Making of a Superpower: USA, 1865–1975 and a Depth Study: The Making of Modern Britain 1957-2007.

**Assessment: Component 1: The making of a Superpower: USA, 1865-1975:** Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes. 40% of qualification.

**Component 2: The Making of Modern Britain, 1957-2007:** Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes. 40% of qualification.

**Component 3: The Darby Family, Non exam assessment. 20% of qualification.**

### Skills Required:

- **A keen interest in History**
- **Independent learning**
- **Ability to read widely**
- **A good level of written English**
- **Analytical and evaluative skills**

### Course Information:

One of the most transferrable skills you will develop when studying A Level History is the ability to analyse and interpret complex information. History is a subject that requires you to evaluate evidence, consider different perspectives, and draw informed conclusions. By developing these critical thinking skills, you'll be better equipped to navigate the complexities of the world around you, both in your personal and professional life. Another reason to study A Level History is to gain a deeper understanding of the world we live in. History is a subject that allows us to explore the past and make sense of the present. By studying history, we can gain insights into the cultural, social, and political forces that have shaped our world and continue to influence it today.

### Future Opportunities:

History is actually very practical because it involves: **Learning about people** – how they interact, the motives and emotions that can tear people apart into rival factions or help them to work together for a common cause (useful knowledge for team-building at work) **Learning about countries, societies and cultures** – so many of today's conflicts and alliances have their roots in the past; how can you negotiate with, trade successfully with, or report on a country if you know nothing of its history? **Learning to locate and sift facts** – to identify truth and recognise myth, propaganda, and lies (useful in every aspect of life) **Presenting what you've learned in a way that makes sense to others** – whether in graphs, essays or illustrated reports – **and** having the confidence to defend your findings. All these skills are valuable in a wide range of careers including Law, Journalism, Education, The Civil Service, Archaeology, Architecture and many more. To learn more, ask your teacher about History A level.

### Subject Enrichment:

- A visit to Ironbridge
- A visit to the Houses of Parliament