

GCSE

History



What is **History**?

History is the shared experience of humanity.

By understanding the past, we are able to better understand ourselves and the world around us.

Studying **History** also adds breadth to your education, through its links to **English Literature**, **Geography** and **Ethics** and **Philosophy**. The Medicine unit also has particularly strong links to **Biology** and **Medicine**.

History is a highly respected academic subject, valued by **universities** and **employers**.



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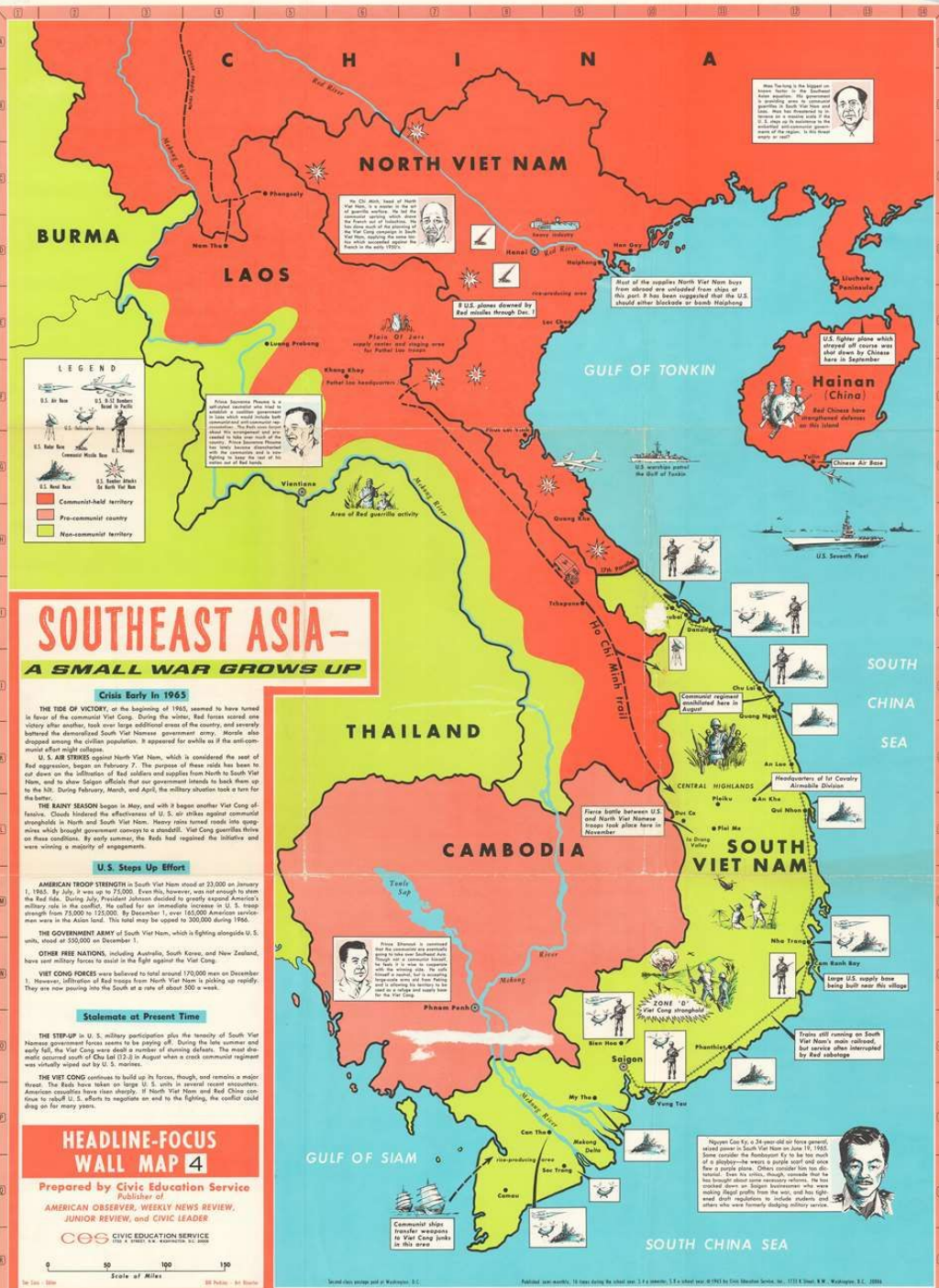
Course Structure

Year 10:

- Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.
- The American West
- Early Elizabethan England, 1558 to 1588 (first units)

Year 11:

- Early Elizabethan England, 1558 to 1588 (later units)
- The USA 1954-75: Conflict at home and abroad



Assessment

History is a **GCSE** qualification, graded on the **1-9** scale.

The course is assessed by **3 exams** at the conclusion of **Year 11**.

There are **several questions** in each exam paper, with a combination of **short form** and **long form** answers, with the long form answers provided the majority of the marks



Princess Elizabeth
by Simon Scrots c. 1546



Bess Hardwicke as Lady St Loe
late 1550s



Elizabeth I c. 1560



Elizabeth I
by Portrait c. 1575



Elizabeth I
Fan Portrait, 1590s



Elizabeth I
Hardwicke Hall Portrait c. 1592



Bess Hardwicke,
Countess of Shrewsbury
c. 1580



Elizabeth I
Jesus College Oxford Portrait
c. 1590



Marcus Geeraerts the Younger
c. 1595

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment

- **Written examination:** 1 hour and 20 minutes
- **30%** of the qualification

The **themes** explored are:

- **Medicine in Britain, c1250–present**
- **The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.**



Paper 2: British Depth Study and Period Study

- **Written examination:** 1 hour and 50 minutes
- **40%** of the qualification

The **themes** explored in **paper two** are;

- British Depth study: **Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88.**
- Period study: **The American West, c1835–c1895**



Paper 3: Modern depth study

- **Written examination:** 1 hour and 30 minutes
- **30%** of the qualification

The **themes** explored are:

- **The USA, 1954–75: conflict at home and abroad:** this unit focuses on the Civil Rights movement and the Vietnam War.



Key Career Skills

- Excellent **writing** skills – the ability to write concisely, analytically and persuasively
- **Evaluation** of written sources to reach judgements on its accuracy, reliability, usefulness, motives
- The ability to accurately **process large volumes of information** and **reach decisions** about which are most important
- **Empathy and cultural awareness**, through the study of diverse societies and individuals
- **Verbal communication** skills through debate and discussion
- Decision making skills – **reaching conclusions** by using criteria to evaluate a range of evidence

Future career opportunities

Studying **HISTORY** can lead to a career in:

Careers that History is beneficial for:

- **Law**
- **Journalism**
- **Politics**
- **Archaeology**
- **Careers that require excellent communication, evidence based thinking and critical thinking**

Careers that directly use a History degree:

- **Academic research and university lecturing**
- **Teaching**
- **Heritage sector – curator, exhibition coordinator or education officer in museums or galleries**
- **Research for television, radio and film**

Future study opportunities

Studying **HISTORY** can lead to further study in;

- Any relevant subject at Level 3 (A level), for example at NSG we offer:
 - **A Level History**
- Other subjects, such as;
 - **Humanities subjects** - Politics, Geography
 - **Literary subjects** - English Literature, English Language
 - **Social Sciences** - Sociology, Psychology