

Welcome to the second Year 11 newsletter from the History department. We would like to keep you as up to date with what is going on as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Specification details

We are studying Edexcel History The 3 topics we study are:

- Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.
- Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91.
- Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39.

The specification can be found:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.html>

Exam 2022 update – Due to C19 disruption to our course, the exam board’s decision is that we will only be examined in 3/4 topics therefore we will no longer be examined in Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88.

What are we doing in lessons?

- We are completing revision on the Nazi Germany section of the course.
- The History November mock is on Weimar and Nazi Germany
- After the Mocks we will then be moving onto Medicine in Britain revision.

Focus topic: The Cold War

Below is a list of the key topics and events in the Cold War Specification.

<p>Early tension between East and West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • ideological differences • Atomic Bomb • Long and Novikov telegrams • Soviet satellite states 	<p>The development of the Cold War</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truman Doctrine • Marshall Plan • Cominform • Comecon • NATO • Berlin Crisis 	<p>The Cold War intensifies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arms race • Warsaw Pact • Hungarian Uprising
<p>Increased tension between East and West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berlin ultimatum • Summit meetings • Cuban Revolution • Bay of Pigs • Prague Spring 	<p>Cold War crises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berlin Wall • Cuban Missile Crisis • Brezhnev Doctrine 	<p>Reaction to crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kennedy’s visit to West Berlin • Limited Test Ban Treaty
<p>Attempts to reduce tension between East and West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALT 1 • Helsinki • SALT 2 • Gorbachev’s ‘new thinking’ • INF treaty 	<p>Flashpoints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasion of Afghanistan • the Carter Doctrine • Olympic boycotts. • Reagan and the ‘Second Cold War’, • SDI 	<p>The collapse of Soviet control of Eastern Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loosening Soviet grip on Eastern Europe. • Fall of the Berlin Wall • End of the Warsaw Pact.

Top 5 most common mistakes from the December 2021 Mock exam:

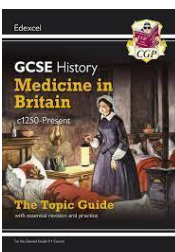
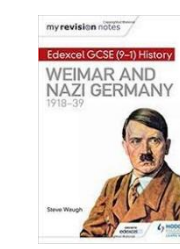
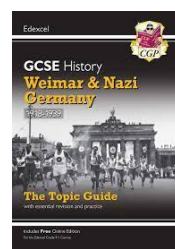
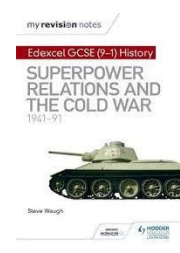
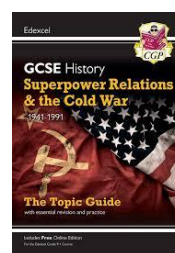
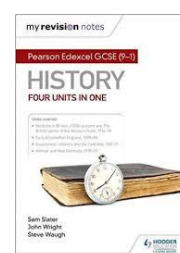
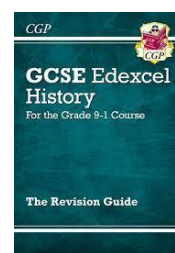
1. Depth of knowledge was lacking for key Cold War events e.g. events in Cuba require names, dates, specific events.
2. Keep to the timing of the questions 4 marks = 5 minutes.
3. Always link back to the topic in the question.
4. Understand what a “consequence” of an event is.

What can the GCSE Historians be doing at home?

- Create case study flashcards of specific time periods, individuals or events.
- Match a detailed mind map of specific events.
- Make a timeline to understand the chronology of events to help with linking in exam questions.
- Seneca Learning <https://senecalarning.com/en-GB/>

Revision Guides

GCSE History Edexcel Revision Guide - For the Grade 9-1 Course



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History Exam Dates 2022

- **Thursday 3rd March 2022 (AM) – MOCK CYCLE 2**
- **Thursday 19th May 2022 Paper 1** –Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.
- **Thursday 9th June Paper 3** - Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39
- **Thursday 16th June Paper 2** –Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91

