

# GCSE History Examination Information

## Subject Content:

This GCSE complies with the requirements specified by the Department for Education (DfE) in its document History GCSE subject content (published April 2014). This requires students to study, as a minimum:

- two depth studies, each covering a substantial and short time span:
  - one must be a British depth study from the medieval (500–1500), early modern (1450–1700) or modern (1750–present) eras
  - the other must be a European or wider-world depth study from an era different to the British depth study
- a period study of at least 50 years from any of the eras
- the historic environment through the study of a particular site in its historical context
- a thematic study involving the study of people, events and developments drawn from all three eras defined above.

The DfE also requires that British history must form at least 40% of the assessed content

Subject	Exam board	Exam Board Specification Title	Link to specification
GCSE History	EDEXCEL	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in History (1HI0)	<a href="#">Specification</a>

## Assessment:

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment (Paper codes: 1HI0/10–13)

### What's assessed

- Written examination: 1 hour and 15 minutes
- 30%\* of the qualification
- 52 marks (16 for the historic environment, 36 for the thematic study)

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\*This weighting relates to assessed content, before including marks for SPaG.

## Content overview

Students take one of the following options:

- 10: Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present and Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city.
- 11: Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.
- 12: Warfare and British society, c1250–present and London and the Second World War, 1939–45.
- 13: Migrants in Britain, c800–present and Notting Hill, c1948–c1970.

## How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- Foundation and Higher Tier
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

## Assessment overview

- **Section A:** historic environment Students answer a question that assesses knowledge plus a two-part question based on two provided sources.
- **Section B:** thematic study Students answer three questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first two questions are compulsory. For the third question, students answer one from a choice of two.

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study (Paper codes: 1HI0/2A–2W)

## What's assessed

- Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes
- 40%\* of the qualification

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- 64 marks (32 for the period study and 32 for the British depth study)

## Content overview

### Students take one of the following British depth study options:

- B1: Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060–88
- B2: The reigns of King Richard I and King John, 1189–1216
- B3: Henry VIII and his ministers, 1509–40
- B4: Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88.
- Students also take one of the following period study options:
- P1: Spain and the 'New World', c1490–c1555
- P2: British America, 1713–83: empire and revolution
- P3: The American West, c1835–c1895
- P4: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91
- P5: Conflict in the Middle East, 1945–95.

## How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- Foundation and Higher Tier
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

## Assessment overview

### Booklet P Period study

- Students answer three questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first two
- questions are compulsory. For the third question, students select two out of three parts.

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## Booklet B British depth study

- Students answer a single three-part question that assesses their knowledge and understanding.
- The first two parts are compulsory. For the third part, students select one from a choice of two.

## Paper 3: Modern depth study (Paper codes: 1H10/30–33)

### What's assessed

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

\*This weighting relates to assessed content, before including marks for SPaG.

### Content overview

Students take one of the following modern depth studies:

30: Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917–41

31: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39

32: Mao's China, 1945–76

33: The USA, 1954–75: conflict at home and abroad.

### How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- Foundation and Higher Tier
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

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## Assessment overview

### Section A

- Students answer a question based on a provided source and a question that assesses their knowledge and understanding.

### Section B

- Students answer a single four-part question, based on two provided sources and two provided interpretations.