

History

Making the jump from GCSE History to A-level History is not an easy one, with the latter requiring a much greater deal of work, research and rigour. Whilst the course will instil many of these values in you from an early stage, it is important to come prepared. Therefore, this guide will provide you with the important information you need regarding the course.

Year 12

Britain Transformed, 1918-97 (30% - 2 hours 15 min exam)

This course takes students on a journey from Britain's post-war social struggles, to the formation of the NHS, and right on through to the Thatcher era and beyond.

The USA, c1920-55: Boom, Bust and Recovery (20% - 1 hour 30 min exam)

A more in depth module that covers everything from the early civil rights movements, to the depression, and past America's WWII efforts.

Year 13

The Witch Craze in Britain, Europe and North America, c1580-1750 (30% - 2 hours 15 min exam)

This module will look at how the witchcraft phenomenon spread across continents, and saw over 100,000 lives lost.

Coursework (20%)

3,000-4,000-word essay, that can be on any of the above three modules. This is coursework and so will be marked internally, but moderated externally.

Tasks

1. Create a timeline from 1918-97, with all the key events that happened in Britain between these dates. Examples might include major wars, prime ministers, economic disasters.
2. Write a 1,000-word essay on the background of Britain Transformed. This should spend 200 words looking at each of the following five sections: politics, the NHS, change in society, change in the quality of life, and the impact of Margaret Thatcher.
3. Create a timeline from 1920-55, with all the key events that happened in the USA between these dates. Examples might include major wars, presidents, and economic disasters.
4. Write a 1,000-word essay on the background of the USA during this era. This should spend 250 words looking at each of the following four sections: The Boom of the 1920s, The Crash and depression of the 1930s, the New Deal, and the transformation of America post-WWII.

Useful Resources

- 'Edexcel AS/A-level History: The USA, c1920–55: boom, bust and recovery.' - £3.99 on Amazon.
- 'Edexcel AS/A-level History: Britain transformed, 1918-97' - £5.99 on Amazon.
- 'Edexcel A Level History, Paper 3: The witch craze in Britain, Europe and North America c1580-c1750.' - £12.18 on Amazon.
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