

Supporting Your Learner



Higher History

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Course Outline

In Higher History pupils study three topic areas;

- Scottish Unit – Scotland & The Impact of the Great War 1914-1928
- British Unit – Britain 1851-1951
- European & World Unit - Russia 1881-1921



Pupils will also complete a research assignment and report which will account for 27% of their overall grade. Candidates will also undertake a final SQA exam which will be comprised of essay and source based questions on these three topic areas, split over two examination papers. Higher candidates should aim to carry out regular independent research throughout the year.



Exam Preparation

As the Higher History exam approaches, pupils should carry out as much timed practise of exam questions as possible, as well as increasing the volume of research they complete. Source questions and Higher essays both require strict time management and pupils should be encouraged to practise under timed conditions. The History exam is broken up into two papers. Paper 1 will include two sections; Section 1: British History and Section 2: European and World History. In each section, pupils will answer one extended response question worth 22 marks, coming to a total of 44 marks, and will have 1 hour and 30 minutes to complete. Paper 2 will include the Scottish section with pupils having to answer different types of source analysis questions coming to a total of 36 marks, pupils will again have 1 hour and 30 minutes to complete. Pupils should help prepare by practising both 22 mark essays and completing source questions in the allotted time. Pupils will have the opportunity to carry out exam practise in class also.

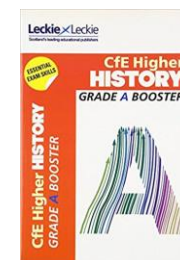
Useful Websites

Higher History candidates should use a wide range of websites to help them prepare and develop throughout the course. Useful websites would be BBC Bitesize and Mr Marr History. However, the most valuable way to enhance their knowledge is to regularly read over their course notes and textbooks.

Useful Textbooks

The following websites sell revision and course notes as well as past papers. We have a sample copy in the department of most History textbooks and can offer individual advice on what the best option for each pupil may be.

- Hodder Education <https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/Curriculum-Pages/Schhttps://collins.co.uk/pages/scottish-curriculum-national-4-5ottish-Curriculum/Marketing-Content-Boxes-Subjects/History/History>
- Leckie and Leckie <https://collins.co.uk/collections/higher-history>
- Bright Red Publishing <https://www.brightredpublishing.co.uk/shop/history>





Revision Classes

Currently Higher revision and essay help sessions are offered at lunchtime every Friday. Pupils are also always welcome to seek out either teacher for advice at lunch or at the start or end of the day.

SQA Past Papers

The link below will allow you to access the most recent past examination papers as well as specimen papers produced by the SQA. There are also Marking Schemes on this page.

SQA Higher History Past Papers

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47923.html>



Understanding Standards

The link below to the SQA website will allow you to see where markers have awarded marks to exemplar papers and read the markers' comments on the candidate's response. It is especially helpful in identifying where marks are awarded.

Understanding Standards: Higher History

<https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/Subjects/History/higher>