

# Supporting Your Learner



## National 5 History

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### Course Outline

In Higher History pupils study three topic areas;

- Scottish Unit – Migration & Empire 1830-1939
- British Unit – The Atlantic Slave Trade 1770-1807
- European & World Unit – Free at Last? Civil Rights in the USA 1918-1968



Pupils will also complete a research assignment which will account for 25% of their overall grade. Candidates will also undertake a final SQA exam which will be comprised of source based questions on these three topic areas. National 5 candidates should aim to carry out regular independent research throughout the year as well as constant revision of coursework.



## Exam Preparation

As the National 5 History exam approaches, pupils should carry out as much timed practise of exam questions as possible, as well as increasing the volume of revision. Source questions require strict time management and pupils should be encouraged to practise under timed conditions. The National 5 History exam lasts for 2 hours and 20 and takes the form of one exam paper. All three of the sections mentioned earlier (Scottish, British & European & World) are in the exam. The exam paper consists of a number of different types of source questions coming to a total of 80 marks. Pupils should help prepare by practising the 6 different types of source questions in the allotted time. Pupils will have the opportunity to carry out exam practise in class also.

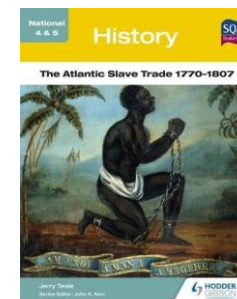
## Useful Websites

National 5 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/Scottish-Curriculum/Marketing-Content-Boxes-Subjects/History/History>
- Leckie and Leckie <https://collins.co.uk/pages/scottish-curriculum-national-4-5>
- Bright Red Publishing <https://www.brightredpublishing.co.uk/shop/n5>





## **Revision Classes**

Currently National 5 revision help sessions are offered at lunchtime every Thursday. 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 National 5 History Past Papers

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm?subject=History&level=N5>

## **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: National 5 History

<https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/Subjects/History/national5>

