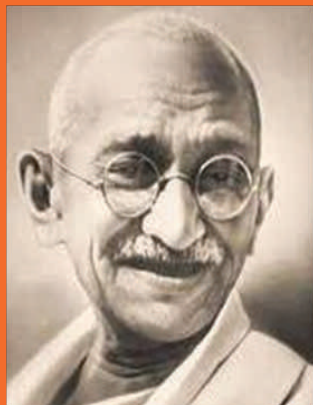
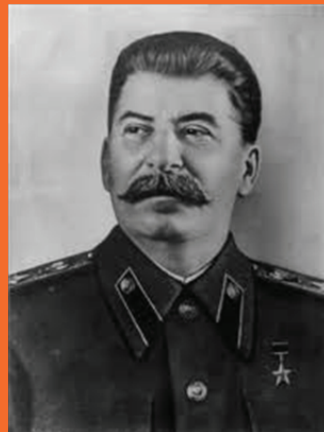


A - Level History



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Why should you study History?

History is full of stories and fascinating detail. It's about understanding how politics works, how societies work, how people work.

"And it goes in cycles. If you study history, you can understand a lot more about your own culture. The study of the past helps us to understand our own cycles.

(Alison Weir)

It can lead to many careers including:

Law Journalism Management
Script writing Theatre PR
Finance Business Politics
Police Service Social Work
Forensic Anthropologist

It is a good combination with the sciences – it develops your logical side but also people skills through analytical reasoning

You can make links with the present to understand the past - Patrick Mercer suggests . . . You can draw careful parallels. The fall of Disraeli's government in 1880 was very largely attributed to his mishandling of the Afghan campaign. Men were sent there with not enough troops, equipment or weapons. And here we are again, fighting the same people with the same problems.

You will be well prepared to study the subject if you have already studied it at GCSE level

Established Academic weight to A-level combinations

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What do we cover ...

Unit 1:

- Stalin (1924-1953)
- Mao's China (1946-1976)

Unit 2:

- How did India gain independence from Britain?

Unit 3:

- The Arab-Israeli Conflict

Unit 4:

- World controversies: The Cold War

What transferable skills will I gain which can be used in my other A-Levels and beyond ...

- Analytical reasoning
- Problem solving
- Research skills
- The ability to argue and debate

Requirements for GCE History

- Grade C or above in History (preferred) or another Humanities subject (e.g. geography or RE)
- Grade B in English Language

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"History is for human self-knowledge...the only clue to what man can do is what man has done. The value of history, then, is that it teaches us what man has done and thus what man is (R.G. Collingwood)

"In a certain sense all men are historians." (Thomas Carlyle)

"History is a kind of introduction to more interesting people than we can possibly meet in our restricted lives; let us not neglect the opportunity." (Dexter Perkins)

"If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday." (Pearl Buck)

"A survey by David Nicholls of Manchester Metropolitan University revealed that History turns out more directors of top companies than any other subject. Historians have held political power including Gordon Brown and Alan Milburn (a Newcastle postgraduate), while top business people with history degrees include Lord Sainsbury, Sir Roland Smith, chairman of Manchester United plc, and Anita Roddick, founder of Body Shop. " (Newcastle University)

What have people said about History?