



The Thomas Alleyne Academy

A Level History



Examination Board:

AQA

Assessment:

One piece of written coursework and two exams taken at the end of two years of study

Why Study History?

The study of History is attractive to students who are fascinated by the past. It provides a broad, satisfying course for students and enables them to develop through independent thought, enhance their analytical skills and learn how to interrogate historical evidence. Students will need an enquiring mind, be motivated and be able to enjoy reading, essay writing, and sharing ideas. A genuine interest in the subject is essential.

Your Future Pathways

Students will gain a thorough theoretical knowledge of the subject which will enable them to progress towards studying History at degree level. Alternatively, the study of History will enhance your academic profile and provide evidence of study skills and knowledge which will equip you with a sound basis upon which to study other subjects at degree level such as English and other Social Sciences. If you choose to progress to employment after completing you're a Levels, this qualification will show evidence of excellent research skills and an ability to understand complex theories and instructions.

What Will I Study?

Unit 1 – Britain transformed 1918-1997 – exam unit – 30%

Students' will study about the significant changes that took place in Britain both politically and economically during the years 1918-1997. Students will study about important Prime Ministers and political events during these years alongside the social and cultural changes that took place in Britain such as women's rights, immigration and youth culture. Students will study historical interpretations of Thatcher's term in office as part of their exam, alongside essays on the other aspects studied.

Unit 2 – The USA 1955-92- Conformity and challenge – exam unit – 20%

Students' will evaluate historical sources about the USA and learn about the significant social change that led to protests, including the civil rights movement and the rise of the teenager. Students will also study about key President's, their policies and scandals such as Watergate. They will also examine how economy and culture changed and developed during this period in the USA. This exam is a source-based paper.

Unit 3 - The Witch Craze in Britain, Europe and North America 1580-1750 – exam unit – 30%

Pupils' will learn about how the scientific revolution affected witchcraft allegations and the historical context that surrounded these allegations. Students will get to deep dive into a number of case studies include the Pendle Witches, Matthew Hopkins and the Salem witch trials. This exam unit is a mix of historical sources and essays.

Unit 4 – Coursework – 20%

This unit requires the student to complete and submit an independently researched investigation; students , research, investigate and answer a question, culminating in the completion of a 4000-word project.