

How to Succeed in History GCSE

Course Information

Exam Board	Pearson Edexcel 9-1
Exam Structure	3 Exam Papers
Specification weblink	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.html
Practice exam papers weblink	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials

Units/Topics studied		
Unit/Topic	Weight	Type of Assessment
<p>PAPER 1: Migrants in Britain (800-Present) (Thematic Study):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medieval Migration (800-1500) – Vikings, Normans, Jews, City of York under the Vikings. • Early Modern Migration (1500-1700) – Protestant Reformation, Colonisation & Slavery, Impact of migrants • Industrial Migration (1700-1900) – Industrial Revolution, growth of the British Empire, Irish Famine, Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe, the City of Liverpool. • Modern Migration (1900-Present) – Two World Wars, European Migration, Windrush Generation, Collapse of the British Empire, Asylum Seekers, Cities of Bristol and Leicester 	30%	1 hour 20 minutes
<p>PAPER 2: Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588 (British Study):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inheriting the throne (1558) – Consequences of the English Reformation, Tudor Society and Governance, Challenges to Elizabeth at home and abroad. • The Religious Settlement (1559) – Catholic and Protestant division, Mary Queen of Scots arrival in England. • Threats Against Elizabeth I (1569-83) – Northern Earls' Revolt, 1569, Catholic Plots against Elizabeth, Execution of Mary Queen of Scots. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Souring Relations with Spain (1570-1588) – Francis Drake, Netherlands, Spanish Armada. • The Elizabethan 'Golden Age' (1558-1601) – Education, Leisure, Poverty. • Exploring the Wider World (1558-1601) – Francis Drake, Walter Raleigh, Virginia Company, Ireland, Roanoke. <p>Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91 (Period Study):</p>	40%	1 hour 50 minutes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins & Battlelines of the Cold War (1941-1949) – The Grand Alliance, Tehran, Yalta & Potsdam Conferences, Diplomatic telegrams, Creation of the Soviet Sphere of Influence, The Truman Doctrine & Marshall Plan, The division of Germany & the Berlin Blockade. • 'Peaceful Co-existence (1950s) – Nuclear Arms Race, De-Stalinisation, Hungarian Uprising, The Berlin Ultimatum. • On the Brink of Destruction (1960s) – The Bay of Pigs Invasion, The Cuban Missile Crisis, The Prague Spring. • Détente (1970s) – Creating peace, Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. • Ending the Cold War (1980-1991) – Reagan, Second Cold War, Gorbachev's 'New Thinking', Collapse of the Berlin Wall. 		
<p>PAPER 3: Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917-1941 (Modern Study):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia in Revolt (1917) – February Revolution, Provisional Government, Bolshevik Revolution. • Making Russia Communist (1917-1924) – Exiting World War One, Civil War, Totalitarianism, Changes to women & the economy. • Stalin's Russia (1924-1941) – Lenin's Death, Elimination of opposition, The Great Terror, Propaganda & Censorship. • Communist Economic & Social Changes (1917-1941) – Agricultural problems, 'Collectivisation', Industrialisation, changes to society and women. 	30%	1 hour 30 minutes

Revision strategies and materials

Mind-maps – Some of these will be provided to students in booklets. However, if students wish to make their own for each topic of a unit, that is advised as well.

Flashcards – These can be bought very cheaply online or in stationary shops. You write questions on one side and answers on the other. Students can test themselves or get someone to test them.

Revision Guides: <https://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/secondary/subjects/history-secondary/pearson-edexcel-gcse-history-91?focus=42e212ff-bd8c-4646-85df-6d39b6248bcd%2C2db5fd45-2bc8-45ef-b78c-474fb14c5422%2C6f01587c-215b-4a40-b6ae-507db14db076%2C8a299201-8698-4e97-bc43-aad85bd5243f&series=1f9500a4-92b4-4a12-86b8-e3eeb88d6be5#buy>

The link above can be used to buy the relevant revision guides and textbooks. Revision guides are £5.99 each and contain a link to an official exam board app where students can take quizzes based on the content on their phones or laptops (Highly recommended!!)