



## **HISTORY GCSE**

### **The History GCSE course**

The GCSE course follows the Edexcel modern world specification. There are three written papers and one coursework (done through controlled assessment within the classroom environment). Papers One and Two involve principally short-answer questions with one longer essay-type question, and Paper Three is a source paper.

Paper One involves looking at international events from 1900 to 1939, focusing on the lead up to both world wars. Included in the material to be studied will be the causes of the First World War, the Treaty of Versailles, the League of Nations, the rise of Nazism in Germany and its effect on European history and international crises such as Manchuria and Abyssinia. The final part of the course looks in depth at events prior to the outbreak of war, including the Austrian crisis, Munich, Czechoslovakia, Poland and why the British followed a policy of appeasement.

Paper Two looks at the USA between 1919 and 1939. The course studies key events such as prohibition, the jazz age, the reasons for the economic boom of the 1920s and why it ended in the Wall Street Crash, the New Deal and attempts to rescue the USA from the Depression.

Paper Three is on the USA from 1945. It includes topics such as McCarthy and the Red Scare, the Civil Rights movement 1945 to 1962 (Martin Luther King, for example), changes in the civil rights movement 1963 to 1970 (for example, Malcolm X, the Black Panthers), and protest movements in the 1970s (anti-war, hippies, women).

Controlled assessment focuses on the changing role of government, the different attitudes towards women, conscription and recruitment, living through the war: bombing, Zeppelin raids, the blitz and the V weapons, and changing medical services.