

Year 11 History

In Years 10 and 11 students study four units, leading towards the Edexcel GCSE qualification. Two of these units are studied in Year 11: Henry VIII and superpower relations.

Methods of deepening and securing knowledge:

Revisiting prior learning	Year 11 units build on themes in the past which students have already studied. Students' understanding of Henry VIII will build on their knowledge of the Tudors from Year 7. Previous knowledge of the twentieth century helps students in their study of superpower relations and the Cold War.
Knowledge testing	Students will regularly answer short-answer knowledge questions in lessons, which will help them to commit key information to memory. This is supported by a full set of flashcards, accessed through the Quizlet website and app, as well as through a set of exam preparation flashcards towards the end of the year.
Interleaved learning	Throughout the year, students will move between studying for the Henry VIII and superpower relations units. This will help them make sure that they remember their knowledge of each unit all the way through the year.

	Autumn term 1	Autumn term 2	Spring term 1
Topic(s)	<p>Henry VIII and Wolsey Study of Henry VIII begins with learning about English society and government at the beginning of the sixteenth century. Then students will study Cardinal Wolsey's role in Henry's government, including Wolsey's failed attempts to gain Henry's divorce from Catherine of Aragon.</p>	<p>Origins of the Cold War Students begin to study the Cold War by learning about its beginnings in the tensions that were left behind by the Second World War. Then students will study the growing tension between the USA and the Soviet Union, including the division of Europe, the arms race and the Berlin Airlift.</p>	<p>Henry VIII and Cromwell Study of Henry VIII continues by learning about how Thomas Cromwell changed England in the 1530s, including the rise and fall of Anne Boleyn. Crises of the Cold War Study of the Cold War continues with three great 1960s crises: the Berlin Wall, the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Prague Spring.</p>
Assessment	Students will complete a knowledge test based on information from this unit and previous units and will practise writing responses to exam-style questions for the Paper 2 exam.	Students will complete a knowledge test based on information from this unit and previous units and will practise writing responses to exam-style questions for the Paper 2 exam.	Students will complete a knowledge test based on information from this unit and previous units and will practise writing responses to exam-style questions for the Paper 2 exam.

CEIAG (Careers that are linked to that topic)	Alongside continuing to develop their understanding of what historians do, this unit allows students to think carefully about the roles of both diplomats and lawyers during the reign of Henry VIII.	Alongside continuing to develop their understanding of what historians do, this unit allows students to deepen their understanding of the roles of politicians in different countries and, in particular, the relationships between them.	Students will continue to develop their understanding of the role of historians, particularly by thinking about the ways in which they write narratives. Students will also continue to think about how roles in government have changed over time.
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	Spring term 2	Summer term 1	Summer term 2
Topic(s)	<p>The Reformation and its impact Here students will return to focus on the 1530s, this time thinking about the religious changes begun under Cromwell. This builds on their Year 7 study of Tudor religious change and includes the dissolution of the monasteries.</p> <p>The end of the Cold War Our study of the Cold War concludes with its end in the 1970s and 1980s, including the roles of Reagan and Gorbachev in bringing a peaceful end to the tension.</p>	<p>Revision After Easter of Year 11, students will use lessons to revise key content from across the GCSE course and to prepare for the examinations.</p>	
Assessment	Students will complete a knowledge test based on information from this unit and previous units and will practise writing responses to exam-style questions for the Paper 2 exam.	Students will do a lot of self-testing using Quizlet and their exam flashcards. Students will also practise specific exam-style answers based on their strengths and weaknesses in the trial exams.	
CEIAG (Careers that are linked to that topic)	This unit brings students' understanding of political and diplomatic careers into the modern era through study of the late 1980s and early 1990s.		

Independent Study

Most of the students' independent study in Year 11 will be one of the following:

- Learning independent study, in which students will spend time committing important information to memory using Quizlet and other resources.
- Completing practice exam questions, or preparing for in-class essays or their final examinations.