

Curriculum Overview 2025 - 2026

History

Exam Board Pearson Edexcel	Exam Specification 1HI0	 Link to full details	Qualification Type GCSE
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Paper 1 - 1HI0/10–13	Paper 2	Paper 3
Thematic study and historic environment	Period study and British depth study	Modern depth study
 1 hour 20 minutes	 1 hour 50 minutes	 1 hour 30 minutes
		

Paper 1

Thematic study and historic environment

Content Overview

Students take **one** of the following options:

10: Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present and Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city.

11: Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–1918: injuries, treatment and the trenches.

12: Warfare and British society, c1250–present and London and the Second World War, 1939–45.

13: Migrants in Britain, c800–present and Notting Hill, c1948–c1970.

Assessment Overview

Section A: historic environment

Students answer two questions that assess knowledge, plus a two-part question based on two provided sources.

Section B: thematic study

Students answer three questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first two questions are compulsory. For the third question, students answer one from a choice of two.

Paper 2

Period study and British depth study

Content Overview

Students take **one** of the following options:

B1: Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060–88

B2: The reigns of King Richard I and King John, 1189–1216

B3: Henry VIII and his ministers, 1509–40

B4: Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88.

Students also take one of the following period study options:

P1: Spain and the 'New World', c1490–c1555

P2: British America, 1713–83: empire and revolution

P3: The American West, c1835–c1895

P4: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91

P5: Conflict in the Middle East, 1945–95.

Paper 2

Period study and British depth study cont.

Assessment Overview

Booklet P Period study

Students answer four questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first three questions are compulsory. For the fourth question, students select two out of three parts.

Booklet B British depth study

Students answer four questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first three questions are compulsory. For the fourth question, students select one from a choice of two.

Paper 3

Modern depth study

Content Overview

Students take **one** of the following modern depth studies:

30: Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917–41

31: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39

32: Mao's China, 1945–76

33: The USA, 1954–75: conflict at home and abroad.

Assessment Overview

Section A

Students answer a question based on a provided source and one question from a choice of two that assesses their knowledge and understanding.

Section B

Students answer a single four-part question, based on two provided sources and two provided interpretations.

Useful revision website/ resource links

There are many revision books to choose from and an online search will return lots of revision guides and interactive platforms. Students all develop their own preferences as to which one(s) work best for them.

BBC Bitesize is always a good place to start as a general overview to the topics.

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