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# **SYLLABUS**

**Cambridge International AS & A Level  
History**

**9389**

For examination in June and November 2020.

### Changes to the syllabus for 2020

We have updated this syllabus. The latest syllabus is version 2, published October 2018.

We have made minor changes for purposes of clarity on page 27 of the syllabus.

There are no significant changes which affect teaching.

**You are strongly advised to read the whole syllabus before planning your teaching programme.**

**Any textbooks endorsed to support the syllabus for examination from 2014 are still suitable for use with this syllabus.**

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## Why choose Cambridge Assessment International Education?

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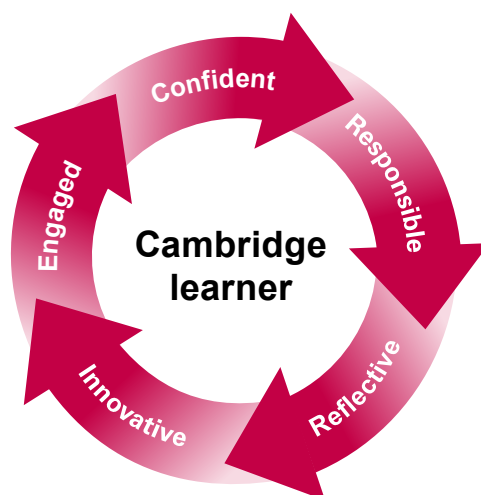
Our programmes and qualifications set the global standard for international education. They are created by subject experts, rooted in academic rigour and reflect the latest educational research. They provide a strong platform for students to progress from one stage to the next, and are well supported by teaching and learning resources.

Every year, nearly a million Cambridge learners from 10 000 schools in 160 countries prepare for their future with an international education from Cambridge.

### Cambridge learners

Our mission is to provide educational benefit through provision of international programmes and qualifications for school education and to be the world leader in this field. Together with schools, we develop Cambridge learners who are:

- **confident** in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others
- **responsible** for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others
- **reflective** as learners, developing their ability to learn
- **innovative** and equipped for new and future challenges
- **engaged** intellectually and socially ready to make a difference.



**Learn more** about the Cambridge learner attributes in Chapter 2 of our *Implementing the curriculum with Cambridge* guide at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/curriculumguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/curriculumguide)

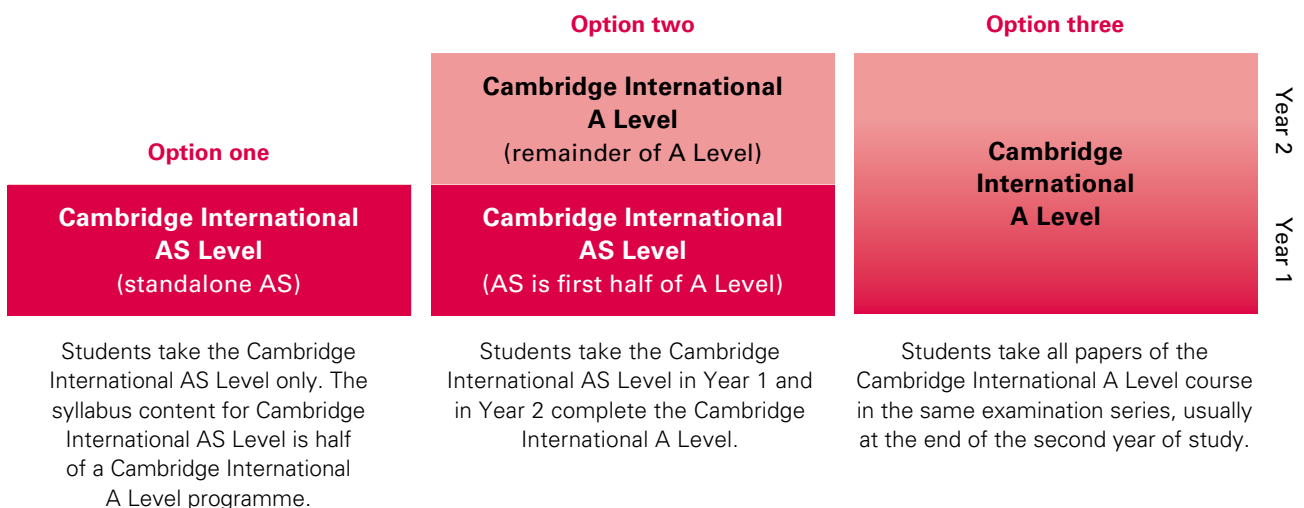
## Why Cambridge International AS & A Levels?

Cambridge International AS & A Levels are international in outlook, but retain a local relevance. The syllabuses provide opportunities for contextualised learning and the content has been created to suit a wide variety of schools, avoid cultural bias and develop essential lifelong skills, including creative thinking and problem-solving.

Our aim is to balance knowledge, understanding and skills in our qualifications to enable students to become effective learners and to provide a solid foundation for their continuing educational journey. Cambridge International AS & A Levels give students building blocks for an individualised curriculum that develops their knowledge, understanding and skills.

Cambridge International AS & A Level curricula are flexible. It is possible to offer almost any combination from a wide range of subjects. Cambridge International A Level is typically a two-year course, and Cambridge International AS Level is typically one year. Some subjects can be started as a Cambridge International AS Level and extended to a Cambridge International A Level.

There are three possible assessment approaches for Cambridge International AS & A Level:



Every year thousands of students with Cambridge International AS & A Levels gain places at leading universities worldwide. Cambridge International AS & A Levels are accepted across 195 countries. They are valued by top universities around the world including those in the UK, US (including Ivy League universities), European nations, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Learners should check the university website for specific entry requirements before applying.

### Did you know?

In some countries universities accept Cambridge International AS Levels in their own right as qualifications counting towards entry to courses in the same or other related subjects. Many students who take Cambridge International AS Levels also choose to progress to Cambridge International A Level.

### Learn more

For more details go to [www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition)

## Why Cambridge International AS & A Level History?

### About the syllabus

knowledge and understanding of History. Successful candidates gain lifelong skills including:

- assessing different interpretations of an argument
- formulating their own ideas about a subject
- presenting clear and logical arguments
- evaluating historical evidence
- developing an understanding of historical concepts such as cause and effect, similarity and difference and continuity and change.

Cambridge International AS and A Level History is one of the most recognised qualifications around the world. It is accepted as proof of academic ability and of historical knowledge for entry to universities. Every year, thousands of students with Cambridge International AS and A Level History win places at good universities worldwide.

### Guided learning hours

Guided learning hours give an indication of the amount of contact time teachers need to have with learners to deliver a particular course. Our syllabuses are designed around 180 guided learning hours for Cambridge International AS Level, and around 360 guided learning hours for Cambridge International A Level.

These figures are for guidance only. The number of hours needed to gain the qualification may vary depending on local practice and the learners' previous experience of the subject.

### Prior learning

We recommend that learners who are beginning this course should have previously completed a Cambridge O Level or Cambridge IGCSE™ course in History or the equivalent.

### Progression

Cambridge International A Level History provides a suitable foundation for the study of History or related courses in higher education. Equally it is suitable for candidates intending to pursue careers or further study in Arts, Humanities and Social Science related areas (such as Law), or as part of a course of general education.

Cambridge International AS Level History is the first half of Cambridge International A Level History. Depending on local university entrance requirements, the qualification may permit or assist progression directly to university courses in History or some other subjects.

We recommend learners check the Cambridge recognitions database and the university websites to find the most up-to-date entry requirements for courses they wish to study.

### How can I find out more?

#### If you are already a Cambridge school

You can make entries for this qualification through your usual channels. If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@cambridgeinternational.org](mailto:info@cambridgeinternational.org)

#### If you are not yet a Cambridge school

Learn more about the benefits of becoming a Cambridge school from our website at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/startcambridge](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/startcambridge)

Email us at [info@cambridgeinternational.org](mailto:info@cambridgeinternational.org) to find out how your organisation can register to become a Cambridge school.

## Cambridge AICE

Cambridge AICE Diploma is the group award of the Cambridge International AS & A Level. It gives schools the opportunity to benefit from offering a broad and balanced curriculum by recognising the achievements of candidates who pass examinations from different curriculum groups.

Candidates can use up to two History credits towards their Cambridge AICE Diploma. They can achieve the two credits by taking:

- the full A Level
- two AS Levels on different historical topics (European, American or International History) over two or more series within a 25-month period. For example, candidates could answer questions from the European section of both papers in the June series, and then answer questions from the American section of both papers in the November series.

For candidates taking two History AS Levels, the following rules apply:

- Each topic (European, American or International History) can only contribute one credit towards the Cambridge AICE Diploma. For example, if a candidate answers questions from the European section of a paper in more than one series, only one credit will count.
- If a candidate achieves a 'mixed' AS Level by answering questions on one topic in the first paper and questions on a different topic in the second paper, this AS Level only counts as one credit towards the Cambridge AICE Diploma. It cannot be combined with another AS Level in History from another series to make up two credits.

Teachers should explain these rules to candidates taking the Cambridge AICE Diploma, as candidates must select the questions they answer carefully to meet these requirements.

### Learn more

For more details go to [www.cambridgeinternational.org/aice](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/aice)

“ Our research has shown that students who came to the university with a Cambridge AICE background performed better than anyone else that came to the university. That really wasn't surprising considering the emphasis they have on critical research and analysis, and that's what we require at university. ”

John Barnhill, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, Florida State University, USA

## Teacher support

We offer a wide range of practical and innovative support to help teachers plan and deliver our programmes and qualifications confidently.

The support package for our Cambridge International AS & A Levels gives teachers access to a worldwide teaching community enabling them to connect with other teachers, swap ideas and share best practice.

### Teaching and learning

- Support materials provide teachers with ideas and planning resources for their lessons.
- Endorsed textbooks, ebooks and digital resources are produced by leading publishers. We have quality checked these materials to make sure they provide a high level of support for teachers and learners.
- Resource lists to help support teaching, including textbooks and websites.

### Exam preparation

- Past question papers and mark schemes so teachers can give learners the opportunity to practise answering different questions.
- Example candidate responses help teachers understand exactly what examiners are looking for.
- Principal examiner reports describing learners' overall performance on each part of the papers. The reports give insight into common misconceptions shown by learners, which teachers can address in lessons.

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support for  
teachers

### Professional development

#### Face-to-face training

We hold workshops around the world to support teachers in delivering Cambridge syllabuses and developing their skills.

#### Online training

We offer self-study and tutor-led online training courses via our virtual learning environment. A wide range of syllabus-specific courses and skills courses is available. We also offer training via video conference and webinars.

#### Qualifications

We offer a wide range of practice-based qualifications at Certificate and Diploma level, providing a framework for continuing professional development.

### Learn more

Find out more about support for this syllabus at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/alevel](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/alevel)

Visit our online resource bank and discussion forum at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/support](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/support)

You can find useful information, as well as share your ideas and experiences with other teachers, on our social media channels and community forums.

Find out more at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/social-media](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/social-media)



# 1 Syllabus content at a glance

Candidates/teachers will select **one** topic for each component. They may be related to each other (e.g. both US papers) but there is no requirement that this is the case.

AS Level	
Component 1 Document question (source-based)	Liberalism and Nationalism in Italy and Germany, 1815–1871 The Origins of the Civil War, 1846–1861 The Search for International Peace and Security, 1919–1945
Component 2 Outline study	Modern Europe, 1789–1917 The History of the USA, 1840–1941 International Relations, 1871–1945
A Level	
Component 3 Interpretations question (source-based)	The Causes and Impact of British Imperialism, c.1850–1939 The Holocaust The Origins and Development of the Cold War, 1941–1950
Component 4 Depth study	Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941 The History of the USA, 1945–1990 International History, 1945–1991 African History, 1945–1991 Southeast Asian History, 1945–1990s

## 2 Assessment at a glance

A Cambridge International A Level qualification in History can be achieved either as a staged assessment over different examination series or in one examination series.

Advanced Subsidiary (AS) candidates take:	Duration	Weighting
Component 1 Document question	1 hour	40%
Component 2 Outline study	1 hour 30 minutes	60%

Advanced Level candidates take:	Duration	Weighting
Component 1 Document question	1 hour	20%
Component 2 Outline study	1 hour 30 minutes	30%
Component 3 Interpretations question	1 hour	20%
<b>and Component 4, one of:</b>		
Depth study 1: Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941	1 hour 30 minutes	30%
Depth study 2: The History of the USA, 1945–1990	1 hour 30 minutes	30%
Depth study 3: International History, 1945–1991	1 hour 30 minutes	30%
Depth study 4: African History, 1945–1991*	1 hour 30 minutes	30%
Depth study 5: Southeast Asian History, 1945–1990s*	1 hour 30 minutes	30%

\* only available in the November session

### Availability

This syllabus is examined in the June and November examination series.

This syllabus is available to private candidates.

Detailed timetables are available from [www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables)

Centres in the UK that receive government funding are advised to consult the Cambridge website [www.cambridgeinternational.org](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org) for the latest information before beginning to teach this syllabus.

### Combining this with other syllabuses

Candidates can combine this syllabus in an examination series with any other Cambridge International syllabus, except:

- syllabuses with the same title at the same level.

## 3 Syllabus aims and assessment objectives

### 3.1 Syllabus aims

The syllabus aims to develop:

- an interest in the past and an appreciation of human endeavour
- a greater knowledge and understanding of historical periods or themes
- a greater awareness of historical concepts such as cause and effect, similarity and difference, and change and continuity
- an appreciation of the nature and diversity of historical sources available, and the methods used by historians
- an exploration of a variety of approaches to different aspects of history and different interpretations of particular historical issues
- the ability to think independently and make informed judgements on issues
- an empathy with people living in different places and at different times
- a firm foundation for further study of History.

### 3.2 Assessment objectives

Candidates are assessed on their ability to:

AO1: demonstrate knowledge and understanding

1(a) recall, select and use historical knowledge appropriately and communicate knowledge and understanding of History in a clear and effective manner

1(b) demonstrate an understanding of the past through explanation, analysis and arriving at a substantiated judgement of: key concepts such as causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance within an historical context, the relationships between key features and characteristics of the periods studied

AO2: analyse, evaluate and apply

2(a) as part of an historical enquiry, analyse and evaluate a range of appropriate source material with discrimination

2(b) analyse and evaluate, in relation to historical context, how aspects of the past have been interpreted and represented in different ways

### 3.3 Relationship between assessment objectives and components

Assessment objective	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	Component 4	Weighting
AO1(a)		30	20	30	70%
AO1(b)		30		30	
AO2(a)	30				30%
AO2(b)	10		20		
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 4 Syllabus content

### 4.1 Component 1

#### 1 hour, 40 marks

Candidates will complete one document question on one of these options:

- European Option: Liberalism and Nationalism in Italy and Germany, 1815–1871
- American Option: The Origins of the Civil War, 1846–1861
- International Option: The Search for International Peace and Security, 1919–1945.

There will be two parts to each question.

Part (a) Candidates will be expected to consider two sources on one aspect of the material.

Part (b) Candidates will be expected to use all the sources and their knowledge of the period to address how far the sources support a given statement.

Candidates must answer both parts of the question they choose.

Sources will contain a maximum of 600 words and there will be at least three sources on a specific issue. Evidence will contain material from a range of documentary sources.

#### European Option: Liberalism and Nationalism in Italy and Germany, 1815–1871

Key Questions	Key Content
What were the main problems of nationalists in Germany and Italy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The post-Vienna Settlement of Germany and Italy</li><li>• Regionalism</li><li>• Different ideas of nationalism</li></ul>
Why did Prussia and Piedmont lead the development of unification in Germany?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revolutions in 1848–49</li><li>• Condition of Prussia and Piedmont in 1848</li><li>• Roles of Prussia and Piedmont in Germany and Italy</li><li>• Immediate developments after 1849</li></ul>
How did Bismarck achieve the unification of Germany?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bismarck's aims in 1862</li><li>• Internal policies</li><li>• Wars of unification</li></ul>
How did Italian leaders achieve the unification of Italy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aims and methods of Cavour, Garibaldi and Mazzini</li><li>• Importance of foreign intervention</li><li>• Stages of unification</li></ul>

## American Option: The Origins of the Civil War, 1846–1861

Key Questions	Key Content
How and why did the outcomes of the war with Mexico 1846–48 add to sectional difficulties?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Missouri Compromise, 1820</li> <li>• The Wilmot Proviso, 1846</li> <li>• The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848</li> <li>• The Compromise of 1850</li> </ul>
Why did the Compromise of 1850 break down so quickly?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing the Fugitive Slave Act</li> <li>• Implementing the Kansas-Nebraska Act</li> <li>• <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i></li> <li>• The formation of the Republican party</li> </ul>
Why did the Republicans win the 1860 presidential election?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dred Scott judgement</li> <li>• The Lincoln-Douglas debates</li> <li>• John Brown and Harpers Ferry</li> <li>• The election campaign of 1860</li> </ul>
Why did the Civil War begin in April 1861?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The results of the 1860 presidential election</li> <li>• The secession of the southern states</li> <li>• The leadership of Lincoln</li> <li>• The leadership of Jefferson Davis</li> </ul>

## International Option: The Search for International Peace and Security, 1919–1945

Key Questions	Key Content
What were the origins and aims of the League of Nations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of US President Wilson</li> <li>• Cecil (UK), Smuts (South Africa), Bourgeois (France) and Hymans (Belgium)</li> <li>• Peacekeeping, collective security and international co-operation</li> </ul>
How was the League of Nations organised?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons why the USA, Russia and Germany were not involved</li> <li>• The General Assembly and The Council</li> <li>• Permanent Court of International Justice, The Secretariat, Commissions and Committees</li> </ul>
What were the successes and failures of the League of Nations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successes – organisations for labour, refugees, health; Mandates Commission; minor political disputes</li> <li>• Failures – Disarmament Commission; major political disputes (e.g. Manchuria, Abyssinia)</li> <li>• Reasons for the League's failure to preserve peace</li> </ul>
What were the origins and aims of the United Nations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of US President Roosevelt</li> <li>• The San Francisco Conference and the Charter</li> <li>• Similarities and differences between the United Nations and the League of Nations</li> </ul>

## 4.2 Component 2

**1 hour 30 minutes, 60 marks**

Candidates will select two questions from one of these options:

- European Option: Modern Europe, 1789–1917
- American Option: The History of the USA, 1840–1941
- International Option: International Relations, 1871–1945.

There will be two parts to each question.

Part (a) requires a causal explanation.

Part (b) requires consideration of significance and weighing the relative importance of factors.

Candidates must answer both parts of the question they choose.

### European Option: Modern Europe, 1789–1917

Key Questions	Key Content
<b>France, 1789–1814</b>	
Candidates will <b>not</b> be expected to study foreign policy in detail but should be able to show an understanding of the effects within France of foreign policy.	
What were the aims and domestic problems of French politicians from 1789 to 1795?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The reaction of Louis XVI to the revolution</li> <li>• The counter-revolutionaries</li> <li>• Aims of the Jacobins and other groups</li> </ul>
Why were French governments unstable from 1789 to 1795?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governments from 1789 to 1795</li> <li>• Economic problems</li> <li>• Impact of war on France</li> </ul>
Why did Napoleon Bonaparte rise to power by 1799?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The aims and rule of the Directory</li> <li>• The reputation of the Directory</li> <li>• The rise of Napoleon Bonaparte</li> </ul>
What were Napoleon Bonaparte's domestic aims from 1799 to 1814?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Napoleon as first consul</li> <li>• Aims and reforms</li> <li>• The inauguration of the empire</li> <li>• Propaganda and popularity</li> </ul>
<b>The Industrial Revolution, c.1800–c.1890</b>	
Candidates will be expected to be aware of the impact of developments in Britain, France and Germany.	
What were the causes of the Industrial Revolution by 1800?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes in pre-industrial society (agricultural revolution)</li> <li>• Growth of capitalism</li> <li>• Early mechanisation</li> <li>• Changes in communications; roads and canals</li> </ul>

What factors encouraged and discouraged industrialisation from 1800 to c.1890?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developments in steam power; railways and machines</li> <li>• Urbanisation</li> <li>• Tariffs and trade</li> <li>• Conservative interests</li> </ul>
How did the Industrial Revolution affect different classes up to c.1890?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social impact on higher, middle and lower classes</li> <li>• Impact on standards of living</li> </ul>
What were the political and economic effects of the Industrial Revolution up to c.1890?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes and challenges to political structures</li> <li>• Rise of the middle classes</li> <li>• Relative prosperity and decline</li> </ul>
<b>The Origins of World War I, 1900–1914</b>	
Why did the Alliance System develop?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons for the Triple Alliance and Triple Entente</li> <li>• Relations between members of the alliances</li> <li>• Consequences of the alliances for international stability</li> </ul>
What was the importance of militarism and the Naval Race?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing armaments</li> <li>• Reasons for and consequences of the Naval Race</li> <li>• War aims</li> </ul>
Why were the Balkans unstable?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condition of the Balkans in the late 1800s</li> <li>• Balkan Nationalism</li> </ul>
Why did war break out in 1914?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reactions to the assassination of Franz Ferdinand at Sarajevo</li> <li>• The invasion of Belgium</li> <li>• Declarations of war</li> </ul>
<b>The Russian Revolution, c.1894–1917</b>	
What were the causes and immediate outcomes of the 1905 Revolution?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position and policies of Nicholas II</li> <li>• Social and economic change</li> <li>• Bloody Sunday and wider risings</li> <li>• The October Manifesto and its implementation</li> </ul>
What were the strengths and weaknesses of Romanov rule from 1906 to 1914?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for the Tsar</li> <li>• Reforms of Stolypin</li> <li>• Extent of opposition</li> </ul>
What were the causes of the February Revolution in 1917?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effects of World War I</li> <li>• The role of Rasputin</li> <li>• Abdication of Nicholas II</li> <li>• Installation of the Provisional Government</li> </ul>
Why did the Bolsheviks gain power in October 1917?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lenin's leadership of the Bolsheviks</li> <li>• Crises of the Provisional Government</li> <li>• The October Revolution</li> </ul>

## American Option: The History of the USA, 1840–1941

Key Questions	Key Content
<p><b>The expansion of US power, from the 1840s to the 1930s</b></p> <p>Candidates can be asked questions on this section which require them to consider US relations and power with regard to more than one region.</p>	
Why, and with what consequences, did the USA expand its power in North America from the 1840s to the 1890s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The concept of Manifest Destiny</li> <li>• The Mexican-American War, 1846–48</li> <li>• The Indian wars</li> <li>• The purchase of Alaska, 1867</li> </ul>
Why, and with what consequences, did US relations with the states of Central America and the Caribbean change between the 1840s and the 1930s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies towards Mexico, 1846–1920</li> <li>• Policies towards Cuba, 1897–1940</li> <li>• Banana wars</li> <li>• Dollar diplomacy</li> </ul>
Why, and with what consequences, did US relations with Europe change between the 1840s and the 1930s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US–European relations before, during and after the US Civil War</li> <li>• Growth of US naval power</li> <li>• US involvement in World War I</li> <li>• USA and the post-war settlement in the 1920s</li> </ul>
Why, and with what consequences, did US relations with Asia change between the 1840s and the 1930s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• China: Treaty of Wangxia (1841); Open Door policy; Chinese revolution (1911)</li> <li>• Japan: Commander Perry’s visit (1853); US–Japanese trade; Washington naval treaties (1922)</li> <li>• Acquisition of Hawaii and the Philippines</li> </ul>
<p><b>Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–1877</b></p>	
Why did the Civil War last for four years?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The military strategies of the two sides</li> <li>• The leadership of the two sides</li> <li>• The political aims of the two sides</li> <li>• The resources available to the two sides</li> </ul>
How great was the immediate impact of the Civil War?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limitations on civil liberties during the war</li> <li>• The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863</li> <li>• Life in the Confederate States</li> <li>• Democratic politics; North and South</li> </ul>
What were the aims and outcomes of Reconstruction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presidential Reconstruction</li> <li>• Radical Reconstruction</li> <li>• Constitutional Amendments 13, 14 and 15</li> <li>• The changing practice of Reconstruction</li> </ul>



How successful was Reconstruction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The changing position of ex-slaves</li> <li>• The responses of the White South</li> <li>• The Compromise of 1877</li> </ul>
<b>The Gilded Age and the Progressive Era, from the 1870s to the 1920s</b>	
Why were the 1870s and 1880s decades of rapid industrialisation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The growth of trusts and corporations</li> <li>• Technological innovations</li> <li>• The growth of the railways</li> <li>• Trade policies, e.g. tariffs</li> </ul>
How great were the economic and social consequences of rapid industrialisation in the late nineteenth century?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New immigration</li> <li>• Economic growth and recessions</li> <li>• The realities of urbanisation</li> <li>• The farming crisis</li> </ul>
What were the main aims of the Progressive Movement in the 1890s and 1900s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limits on party machines and bosses</li> <li>• Prohibition</li> <li>• Female emancipation</li> <li>• Regulation of private corporations</li> </ul>
How successful was the Progressive Movement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The career of Theodore Roosevelt</li> <li>• Constitutional reforms</li> <li>• The presidency of Woodrow Wilson</li> </ul>
<b>The Great Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal, from the 1920s to 1941</b>	
How great was the impact of the Great Crash and the Great Depression on the USA?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic developments in the 1930s</li> <li>• Developments in US society</li> <li>• Political change in the 1930s</li> <li>• The USA in the 1920s</li> </ul>
How effective were the strategies used by Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt to deal with the domestic problems facing the USA in the 1930s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The economic and social policies of Herbert Hoover</li> <li>• The 100 Days and the First New Deal</li> <li>• The Second New Deal</li> <li>• Franklin Roosevelt's political strategies</li> </ul>
How effective was the opposition to the New Deal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposition from the liberal left</li> <li>• Opposition from the conservative right</li> <li>• Opposition from the Supreme Court</li> </ul>
Based on his leadership of the USA in the 1930s, how far does Franklin Roosevelt deserve his reputation as one of the great US presidents?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The case for: durable change</li> <li>• The case against: limited economic impact, challenge to US values</li> <li>• The historical debate</li> </ul>

## International Option: International Relations, 1871–1945

Key Questions	Key Content
<b>International relations, 1871–1918</b>	
Why, and with what results, was there a growth in imperial expansion during the last quarter of the nineteenth century?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons for imperial expansion in the late nineteenth century</li> <li>• The ‘scramble’ for Africa; Treaty of Berlin (1885)</li> <li>• Disputes over the Chinese Empire; wars in South Africa</li> </ul>
How and why did the USA emerge as a world power?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic growth and the need for trade</li> <li>• The Spanish-American War (1898), the Panama Canal and the development of an ‘American Empire’</li> <li>• Reasons for and implications of the USA’s entry into World War I</li> </ul>
How and why did Japan emerge as a world power?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid modernisation and military development</li> <li>• Wars with China (1894–95) and Russia (1905); treaty with Britain (1902)</li> <li>• Japan’s strong position in 1918</li> </ul>
Why, and with what results, did a system of rigid alliances develop between European nations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The aims and objectives of each of the European powers</li> <li>• The development of the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente</li> <li>• Implications of the alliances for international peace and stability</li> </ul>
<b>International relations, 1919–1933</b>	
Why did the peace settlements of 1919–1920 fail to secure lasting peace?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms and implications of the various treaties</li> <li>• Disenchantment of France, Italy, Bolshevik Russia and the defeated powers; implications of the USA’s failure to ratify the settlement</li> <li>• Problems in ‘successor states’ created by the post-war settlements</li> </ul>
What attempts were made to improve international relations between 1919 and 1933 and how successful were they?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disturbed relations (1919–23) in the aftermath of peace settlements</li> <li>• Improvement in international relations: Washington Conferences (1921–22); Genoa Conference (1922); Dawes Plan (1924); Locarno Treaties (1925); Kellogg-Briand Pact (1928); Young Plan (1929); World Disarmament Conference (1932–33)</li> <li>• The impact of world economic problems after 1929</li> </ul>
How did relations between the USSR, Britain, France and Germany develop between 1919 and 1933?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• France’s attempts to deal with the problem of Germany from 1919 to 1933</li> <li>• The USSR’s realisation of the need for peaceful co-existence and co-operation with the capitalist world</li> <li>• Relations between the USSR and Britain, France and Germany</li> </ul>

What were the main aims and implications of US foreign policy, 1919–1933?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons for and the impact of the USA’s return to isolationism</li> <li>• Importance of overseas trade, investment and war debt to foreign policy</li> <li>• The impact of US foreign policy on the world economic crisis after 1929</li> </ul>
<b>International relations, c.1933–1939</b>	
What were the aims and implications of Mussolini’s foreign policy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desire to make Italy great and feared – Corfu Incident and Fiume</li> <li>• Diplomacy from 1923 to 1934</li> <li>• Aggression after 1934: Abyssinia; Spanish Civil War; Rome–Berlin Axis; Albania; Pact of Steel</li> </ul>
Why did civil war break out in Spain in 1936?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons for King Alfonso XIII’s abdication in 1931</li> <li>• Problems facing the new republic</li> <li>• Reasons for and implications of Franco’s victory</li> </ul>
What were the aims and implications of Hitler’s foreign policy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hitler’s general aims – destroying Versailles Treaty, building up army, recovering lost territory, bringing all German-speaking people into the Reich</li> <li>• Successes, 1933–38; appeasement</li> <li>• Czechoslovakia and Poland, 1938–39</li> </ul>
Why did war break out in 1939?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-term issues such as dissatisfaction with the Treaty of Versailles and the failure of collective security</li> <li>• Historical debate regarding Hitler’s intentions</li> <li>• Appeasement and the role of the USSR</li> </ul>
<b>China and Japan, 1919–1945</b>	
What were the implications of the ‘warlord era’ which affected China from 1916 to 1928?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yuan Shih-kai and disintegration of China</li> <li>• May the Fourth Movement</li> <li>• Growth of Kuomintang (Nationalist) Party under Dr Sun Yat-sen</li> </ul>
How effective was the Kuomintang in achieving its aims?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Three Principles</li> <li>• Progress under Chiang Kai-shek</li> <li>• Kuomintang’s successes and failures</li> </ul>
Why did communism gain support in China?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mao Zedong and the Long March</li> <li>• Reasons for dissatisfaction with Kuomintang</li> <li>• Impact of Japanese occupation of Manchuria in 1931</li> </ul>
Why, and with what effects, did Japan become a military dictatorship in the 1930s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Japan’s strong position in 1918</li> <li>• Political and economic factors; Manchuria (1931) and China (1937)</li> <li>• Implications of military rule in Japan; involvement in World War II</li> </ul>

## 4.3 Component 3

### 1 hour, 40 marks

Candidates will be given an extract from an historian's writing. The author of the extract will not be identified, nor will candidates be asked to identify the author. One extract will be set on each of the topics. The extract will be no more than 600 words in length. There will be a single question, asking candidates what they can learn from the extract about the interpretation and approach of the historian who wrote it. They will be expected to show knowledge and understanding of the events and developments included in the topic (Assessment Objective 1(a)), but the purpose of the study will be for them to develop the ability to analyse and evaluate how aspects of the past have been interpreted and represented in different ways (Assessment Objective 2(b)). Answers will be marked out of a total of 40 marks (20 per cent of the total A Level assessment).

Candidates are required to answer one question on their chosen topic:

- Topic 1: The Causes and Impact of British Imperialism, c.1850–1939
- Topic 2: The Holocaust
- Topic 3: The Origins and Development of the Cold War, 1941–1950

While candidates will be expected to have an awareness of different interpretations, their study of the topic should not be simply historiographical. Rather, by considering different interpretations, candidates should develop an understanding of the nature of the discipline of History, and the ways in which History is produced.

In particular, through studying their chosen topic, candidates will need to consider **why historians produce different interpretations** of the same events, including:

- the fragmentary nature of historical evidence
- the selection and interpretation of evidence
- the ways that the passage of time can change the focus of historians' views, with the emergence of new evidence or new interpretations of other historians
- the ways that historians are influenced by the time and place in which they work.

They will also need to develop an awareness of **the different approaches historians adopt** to their work, including:

- how different historians ask different questions about their field of study
- how historians' approaches are influenced by their own ideology and beliefs (e.g. by focusing on issues of class, gender, the role of structures)
- the inter-relationship between historians' interpretations and approaches.

## Topic 1: The Causes and Impact of British Imperialism, c.1850–1939

Candidates will study the following content and the differing interpretations that historians have produced, with a particular focus on the over-arching Key Question, *What motives explain British Imperialism in this period?*

Key Content	Key Approaches
<p>This topic covers the following events and developments in those parts of the British Empire which had not achieved self-rule by c.1900:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature and extent of British imperial rule</li> <li>• Formal and informal Empire</li> <li>• The ‘New Imperialism’, after c.1870</li> <li>• Impacts of Empire on those who were colonised: developing challenges to imperial rule</li> <li>• Impacts of Empire on the metropole</li> <li>• Gender and Empire</li> </ul>	<p>Candidates should explore the following issues through the interpretations and approaches of different historians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can the acquisition of Empire be explained?</li> <li>• How far can Empire be explained in economic terms: the Hobson-Lenin interpretation and their critics?</li> <li>• How far was there change, and how much continuity, in imperial policy?</li> <li>• Top-down approaches: explanations stressing the role of social elites, ‘gentlemanly capitalism’</li> <li>• How far were imperial decisions made at the metropole and how far at the periphery?</li> <li>• Approaches focusing on the periphery: the impact of Empire on individual places and peoples</li> <li>• Why was the Empire in decline by 1939?</li> <li>• Empire and culture: how the Empire was perceived and represented, the impact of Empire on British society</li> <li>• Gender and Empire: how important was the contribution of women in the Empire?</li> <li>• The balance sheet of Empire: who lost and who gained?</li> </ul>

## Topic 2: The Holocaust

Candidates will study the following content and the differing interpretations that historians have produced, with a particular focus on the over-arching Key Question, *Why did the Holocaust occur?*

Key Content	Key Approaches
<p>This topic covers the following events and developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The background of European and German anti-Semitism and racist theories</li><li>• Nazi anti-Semitism and persecution of the Jews, 1933–41</li><li>• The impact of war on Nazi policy towards the Jews</li><li>• Ghettoisation and Jewish responses to the Holocaust</li><li>• The development of Nazi extermination policies towards Jews and other minorities</li><li>• Contemporary reactions to the Holocaust</li></ul>	<p>Candidates should explore the following issues through the interpretations and approaches of different historians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How far was the Holocaust a consequence of racist ideas which existed before the Nazis?</li><li>• The Intentionalist approach and the role of Hitler: was the Holocaust planned in advance by Hitler?</li><li>• The Functionalist/Structuralist approach; how far did the nature of the Nazi state and the impact of war determine how the Holocaust developed?</li><li>• Synthesis interpretations which aim to reconcile the Intentionalist and Functionalist viewpoints:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Perpetrators: who carried out the Holocaust, and why? Was murderous behaviour the exception or were many involved? Why did non-Germans participate in the killings?</li><li>– Victims: How far did Jews resist the Holocaust, and how can resistance be defined? Did men and women experience the Holocaust in different ways? Should definitions of the Holocaust include victims other than Jews?</li><li>– Bystanders: How did the USA and Britain respond to the Holocaust at the time?</li></ul></li></ul>

### Topic 3: The Origins and Development of the Cold War, 1941–1950

Candidates will study the following content and the differing interpretations that historians have produced, with a particular focus on the over-arching Key Question, *Who was to blame for the Cold War?*

Key Content	Key Approaches
<p>This topic covers the following events and developments in the evolution of the Cold War in Europe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tensions in the wartime alliance against the Axis powers</li><li>• Peacemaking at the end of World War II</li><li>• Increasing tensions in a divided Europe</li><li>• The Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan</li><li>• The Berlin Blockade and Airlift</li></ul>	<p>Candidates should explore the following issues through the interpretations and approaches of different historians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How far were inherent tensions between East and West bound to resurface in 1945?</li><li>• How important were the personalities of the leaders of the Great Powers in shaping the Cold War?</li><li>• How far were ideology, security and economics the factors which created Cold War tensions?</li><li>• The Traditional approach</li><li>• The Revisionist approach</li><li>• Post-Revisionist approaches</li><li>• How have the perspectives on the Cold War of Russian historians differed from those in the West?</li><li>• Reinterpretations of the Cold War in the light of new archival sources</li><li>• The emergence of the 'New' Cold War history</li></ul>

## 4.4 Component 4

**1 hour 30 minutes, 60 marks**

Candidates will select two questions on their chosen depth study:

- Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941
- The History of the USA, 1945–1990
- International History, 1945–1991
- African History, 1945–1991\*
- Southeast Asian History, 1945–1990s\*.

\* only available in the November session

### Depth study 1: Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941

Key Questions	Key Content
<b>Theme 1: Lenin's Russia, 1918–1924</b>	
What were Lenin's methods in government?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lenin and Marxism</li> <li>• Party leadership</li> <li>• Role of Cheka</li> </ul>
Why did the Bolsheviks win the Civil War?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons for Civil War</li> <li>• Role of Trotsky</li> <li>• Bolshevik victory</li> </ul>
How effective were economic policies?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic condition of Russia</li> <li>• Purpose and effectiveness of War Communism</li> <li>• Purpose and effectiveness of New Economic Policy</li> </ul>
How far was Lenin a totalitarian ruler?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extent of totalitarianism in Russia</li> <li>• Extent and limits of Lenin's power and success</li> </ul>
<b>Theme 2: Mussolini's Italy, 1920–1941</b>	
Why did Mussolini gain power in 1922?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Italy after World War I</li> <li>• Problems of democratic parties</li> <li>• Appeal of Fascism</li> <li>• Mussolini's appointment as prime minister</li> </ul>
What were Mussolini's domestic aims up to 1941?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mussolini's aims in government and administration</li> <li>• Economic aims</li> <li>• Relations with the church</li> </ul>
How far did Mussolini achieve his domestic aims up to 1941?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mussolini's popularity</li> <li>• Propaganda and repression</li> <li>• The Corporate State</li> </ul>
How far was Mussolini a totalitarian ruler?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extent of totalitarianism in Italy</li> <li>• Extent and limits of Mussolini's power and success up to 1941</li> </ul>



<b>Theme 3: Stalin's Russia, 1924–1941</b>	
Why did Stalin gain power from 1924?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lenin's legacy</li> <li>• Stalin's position in the Party</li> <li>• Relations with Trotsky and other Soviet leaders</li> <li>• Use of repression</li> </ul>
What were Stalin's domestic aims up to 1941?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stalin's aims in government and administration</li> <li>• Economic aims</li> <li>• Social aims</li> </ul>
How far did Stalin achieve his domestic aims up to 1941?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stalin's personal reputation</li> <li>• Economic changes</li> <li>• Impact on social groups</li> </ul>
How far was Stalin a totalitarian ruler?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extent of totalitarianism in Russia</li> <li>• Extent and limits of Stalin's power and success up to 1941</li> </ul>
<b>Theme 4: Hitler's Germany, 1929–1941</b>	
Why did Hitler gain power in 1933?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problems facing Weimar politicians from 1929</li> <li>• Nazism</li> <li>• Hitler's appointment as Chancellor</li> <li>• Consolidation of power, 1933–1934</li> </ul>
What were Hitler's domestic aims up to 1941?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hitler's aims in government and administration</li> <li>• The Führer Principle</li> <li>• Economic aims</li> <li>• Policies towards opposition, Jews and minorities</li> </ul>
How far did Hitler achieve his domestic aims to 1941?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hitler's reputation and popularity</li> <li>• Propaganda and repression</li> <li>• Economic changes</li> <li>• Social impact</li> </ul>
How far was Hitler a totalitarian ruler?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extent of totalitarianism in Germany</li> <li>• Extent and limits of Hitler's power and success up to 1941</li> </ul>

## Depth study 2: The History of the USA, 1945–1990

Candidates can be asked questions which require them to consider economic, social and political developments across decades as well as within them.

Key Questions	Key Content
<b>Theme 1: The late 1940s and 1950s</b>	
Why and how was this period a time of economic prosperity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US economic development, 1945–60</li> <li>• The growth of the middle class</li> <li>• The consumer economy</li> <li>• The role of the federal government</li> </ul>
How great was the social change experienced by the USA in this period?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The growth of suburbs and exurbs</li> <li>• The role and status of women</li> <li>• The impact of new mass media</li> </ul>
How far was this period a time of political stability?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The election of Truman in 1948</li> <li>• McCarthyism and the Red Scare</li> <li>• Eisenhower’s domestic policies</li> </ul>
How effective was the civil rights movement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant Warren Court judgements</li> <li>• The impact of SNCC and CORE</li> <li>• The role of leading African Americans</li> <li>• The role of state and federal governments</li> </ul>
<b>Theme 2: The 1960s and 1970s</b>	
Why did the USA experience a deteriorating economic situation in the 1960s and 1970s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The economic impact of the Cold War</li> <li>• The end of the gold-dollar standard, 1971</li> <li>• The oil crises of 1973 and 1979</li> <li>• Stagflation</li> </ul>
How far did the USA experience a social revolution in the 1960s and 1970s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The growth of a counter-culture</li> <li>• The rise of feminism</li> <li>• The rise of the gay rights movement, e.g. Stonewall</li> <li>• The emergence of the ‘silent majority’</li> </ul>
Why was this period a time of short-lived presidencies?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Kennedy presidency</li> <li>• LBJ and the Great Society</li> <li>• Nixon and Watergate</li> <li>• The Ford and Carter presidencies</li> </ul>
How great was the change in the treatment and status of ethnic minorities in the 1960s and 1970s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African American Civil Rights movements</li> <li>• The rise and fall of Black Power</li> <li>• Affirmative action</li> <li>• Hispanics and American Indians</li> </ul>

<b>Theme 3: The 1980s</b>	
How far did the US economy improve in the 1980s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reaganomics</li> <li>• The impact of foreign competition</li> <li>• Changing living standards</li> <li>• The twin deficits: budget and trade</li> </ul>
How effective were the responses to the social challenges facing the USA in the 1980s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The war on drugs</li> <li>• The impact of AIDS</li> <li>• The position of social minorities</li> <li>• The rise of the religious right</li> </ul>
How far were the 1980s a time of relative political stability?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two-term Reagan presidency</li> <li>• The rise of the New Right</li> <li>• The election of George H W Bush</li> <li>• The decline of the Democrats</li> </ul>
How far did the position of the ethnic minorities improve in the 1980s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of Reaganomics</li> <li>• Affirmative action in practice</li> <li>• Relevant Supreme Court judgements</li> <li>• The role of black civil rights groups</li> </ul>
<b>Theme 4: Foreign policy</b>	
Why did the USA develop the policy of containment in the late 1940s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy-making in the Truman presidency</li> <li>• George Kennan's Long Telegram, 1946</li> <li>• Developments in Europe, 1945–50</li> <li>• Developments in Asia, 1945–50</li> </ul>
Was US foreign policy towards communism between 1950 and 1963 a policy of containment or a policy of rollback?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign policy towards Europe, e.g. Berlin</li> <li>• Foreign policy towards Asia, e.g. China</li> <li>• Foreign policy in the Middle East</li> <li>• Foreign policy in Latin America</li> </ul>
Why, and with what success, did the USA follow a policy of détente between 1963 and 1979?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vietnam, 1964–75</li> <li>• Nuclear arms treaties, e.g. NPT, SALT</li> <li>• Nixon and China</li> <li>• Helsinki Accords, 1975</li> </ul>
How far did Reagan change his policy towards the communist world during his presidency?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reagan the Cold War warrior, 1981–84</li> <li>• Reagan and Gorbachev, 1985–89</li> <li>• Strategic Defence Initiative, i.e. 'Star Wars'</li> </ul>

## Depth study 3: International History, 1945–1991

Key Questions	Key Content
<b>Theme 1: The Cold War, 1950–1975</b>	
How did relations between the USA and the USSR change and develop in the 1950s and 1960s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-Stalin thaw after 1953 – achievements and limitations</li> <li>• Soviet and US policies – Beria; Malenkov; Khrushchev; Eisenhower; Dulles; Kennedy</li> <li>• Impact of key events – Korean War; Hungarian Uprising; Berlin Wall; Cuba</li> </ul>
How and why did the Cold War spread outside Europe after 1950?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Korea; Cuba; Vietnam; Latin America; Africa; the Middle East</li> <li>• Debates over the aims of Soviet policies and involvement</li> <li>• US policies and involvement; containment; NSC-68, rollback</li> </ul>
What impact did the nuclear arms race have on the conduct of the Cold War 1950–75?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causes and development of the arms race</li> <li>• Changes and developments in Soviet and American nuclear strategies 1950–75; impact on the nature of the Cold War</li> <li>• Attempts to control nuclear weapons after Cuban Missile Crisis – Test Ban treaties; NPT; SALT</li> </ul>
Why was there a move towards détente in the 1970s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General factors – risk of nuclear war; economic problems, e.g. the oil crisis, 1973; Brandt and Ostpolitik; Kissinger and Realpolitik</li> <li>• Soviet needs – economic and technological issues; problems in eastern Europe</li> <li>• US needs in the wake of defeat in Vietnam</li> </ul>
<b>Theme 2: The Cold War, 1975–1991</b>	
How effective was détente in the 1970s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SALT Treaties</li> <li>• Helsinki Accords, 1975</li> <li>• Debate regarding the achievements and effectiveness of détente</li> </ul>
What were the causes of the ‘Second Cold War’?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USA – rise of neo-conservatism; impact of Islamic militancy in Tehran; failure to ratify SALT II</li> <li>• USSR – increasing influence in the ‘Third World’; Brezhnev’s failing health</li> <li>• Soviet invasion of Afghanistan</li> </ul>
Why, and with what effects, did the USSR suffer a ‘crisis of communism’ during the 1980s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-term factors – stagnation under Andropov and Chernenko; nationalism in USSR and eastern Europe; economic issues</li> <li>• Reasons for and effects of Gorbachev’s policies: Glasnost; Perestroika; ‘Sinatra Doctrine’</li> <li>• Collapse of the Soviet Union</li> </ul>
Why did the Cold War come to an end?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Triumphalism – the role of Reagan</li> <li>• Problems facing the USSR and the role of Gorbachev</li> <li>• Triangular diplomacy</li> </ul>

<b>Theme 3: China, 1945–1991</b>	
Why did the CCP gain victory in 1949?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why the CCP had popular support</li> <li>• Inefficiencies and corruption of KMT</li> <li>• Leadership of Mao Zedong and Zhou En-lai</li> </ul>
How successful was Mao Zedong in dealing with China's problems?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The problems facing China; agriculture; industry; the new constitution</li> <li>• The Hundred Flowers campaign; The Great Leap Forward; The Cultural Revolution</li> <li>• Foreign relations; Sino-Soviet split</li> </ul>
How successful was Deng Xiaoping in dealing with China's problems?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social and economic reforms; 'market socialism'</li> <li>• Reaction to demands for political reform</li> <li>• Foreign relations</li> </ul>
Why was China able to survive the 'crisis of communism'?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The financial crisis of 1987–88; protests of the 1980s; changes within the CCP</li> <li>• How Deng maintained control of the CCP and the army</li> <li>• Comparisons between the USSR and the PRC in addressing the 'crisis of communism'</li> </ul>
<b>Theme 4: Conflict in the Middle East, 1948–1991</b>	
Why did the creation of the state of Israel lead to war?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-term factors – Arab unity; strategic importance of the Middle East; foreign interference; persecution of Jews</li> <li>• Reasons for, and effects of UN decision to partition Palestine</li> <li>• Involvement of Britain and the USA</li> </ul>
How did the Arab-Israeli conflict develop between 1948 and 1973?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arab-Israeli War, 1948–49</li> <li>• Ongoing disputes: Suez War (1956); Six-Day War (1967); Yom Kippur War (1973)</li> <li>• Camp David Agreements, 1978–79</li> </ul>
What impact did the Cold War have on the conflict in the Middle East?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons for superpower involvement</li> <li>• American policies and their impact</li> <li>• Soviet policies and their impact</li> </ul>
What factors led to the de-stabilisation of the Middle East between 1975 and 1991?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil war in Lebanon</li> <li>• Iran-Iraq War, 1980–88</li> <li>• Gulf War, 1990–91</li> </ul>

## Depth study 4: African History, 1945–1991

This option is only available in the November session.

Key Questions	Key Content
<b>Theme 1: Liberation from colonial control</b>	
What was the role of mass political parties in determining the speed with which independence was achieved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition from early nationalist movements led by educated elite to mass nationalism after 1945</li> <li>• Emergence of political parties, e.g. the UGCC and CPP in Ghana, the NCNC and AG in Nigeria, the RDA in Ivory Coast, ZANU and ZAPU in Zimbabwe</li> <li>• Attitude of colonial authority to devolution of political power, e.g. in Belgian Congo, Southern Rhodesia, Gold Coast, French West Africa</li> </ul>
How important were personalities/leaders in nationalist movements?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charisma and personal qualities of leaders, e.g. Nkrumah, Azikiwe, Senghor, Kenyatta</li> <li>• Importance of political skill and previous experience in acquisition of power</li> <li>• Methods used to gain power, e.g. development of support base, skilful use of media, mass rallies, propaganda, relationship with trade unions/workers</li> </ul>
Why was the achievement of independence peaceful in some colonies and violent in others?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attitudes of colonial powers – previous inclusion of Africans in legislative processes, devolution of power accepted or opposed</li> <li>• Internal social and economic factors which impacted on independence</li> <li>• Analysis of military conflicts, e.g. Mau Mau in Kenya; comparison with areas of more peaceful transition, e.g. Ghana, Uganda, Nigeria; Zimbabwe and Nyasaland</li> <li>• The impact of the settler factor on colonial attitudes</li> </ul>
What was the significance of outside factors in African nationalist movements?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World War II</li> <li>• Atlantic Charter/attitude of the USA towards colonialism</li> <li>• Independence of India</li> <li>• Bandung Conference</li> <li>• Cold War</li> </ul>

<b>Theme 2: Changes in African political structures after independence</b>	
How well equipped were new government structures to deal with political challenges to new states?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colonial legacy, e.g. British Westminster model; attempts to build on legacy or be very different; how appropriate a multi-party system of government was</li> <li>• Nationalist movement legacy, e.g. factors that determined stability of new government. How united the people were behind new parties/leaders, e.g. Nyerere</li> <li>• Interaction between democracy, socialism, capitalism; internal lobbies/outside pressures</li> <li>• Franchise, how inclusive government was</li> </ul>
How did the role and nature of political parties change after independence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fragmentation of aims, regional interests; development of ethnic power bases</li> <li>• Trend from multi-party to one-party states in interests of unity/keeping major party or leader in power</li> <li>• Political opponents to leader, rival political parties, personality/ethnic clashes; why some leaders/parties adapted to new situations better than others</li> <li>• Incompetence, corruption, changes of government – whether root causes were endemic or due to changed situation</li> </ul>
Why did many African countries become one-party or military states within a few years of independence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPP, KANU and Malawi Congress Party</li> <li>• Why there were so many military coups in Africa after independence. Possible examples include Zaire, Dahomey (1965), Nigeria, Ghana (1966)</li> <li>• Whether military regimes were different in purpose/nature, e.g. 'guardian' – Mobutu in Zaire – or 'reformist' – Nigeria</li> </ul>
In what ways were African countries affected by Cold War tensions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efforts to shake off colonial past resulted in a turning towards the USSR after 1947</li> <li>• CPP, NCNC, Frelimo in Mozambique and MPLA in Angola, ZANU and ZAPU all received strong material and diplomatic assistance from the USSR</li> <li>• Chinese influences – strong support for nationalist movements in southern Africa</li> <li>• Non-alignment, e.g. Nyerere in Tanzania</li> </ul>

<b>Theme 3: Social, economic and cultural trends after independence</b>	
What difference did independence make to the lives of the people?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significance of external recognition</li> <li>• Individual case studies</li> <li>• Economic changes – prosperity, migration, social and family conditions, health, education, religion</li> </ul>
What were the social and economic power bases of newly independent states?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban/rural divide, trade unions, educated elite, military, left-wing groups, capitalists, ethnic groups</li> <li>• Favouritism, media, powerful individuals or groups</li> <li>• Social groups, pressure groups, new forces in society</li> </ul>
How successfully did new African states manage economic resources and develop industry?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colonial industry as supplier of primary products – needed transforming</li> <li>• Tradition of mineral wealth being exploited; African countries had to reclaim, often at expense of skilled managers and capital investment</li> </ul>
What was the cultural impact of independence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Triple heritage of indigenous culture, Islamic influences and western Christian traditions – whether there was a separate impact or interaction</li> <li>• Negritude in Senegal – links between poetry and nationhood</li> <li>• African writers – novelists expressing impact of colonialism and independence upon traditional Africa, e.g. Achebe, Soyinka; biographical accounts, e.g. Lijembe’s ‘East African Childhood’; and observations on African society, e.g. Molly Mazrui</li> <li>• Changes to African music and art</li> </ul>
<b>Theme 4: Pan-Africanism, the United Nations and inter-state co-operation in Africa</b>	
Was Pan-Africanism ever a realistic objective?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strength before independence</li> <li>• OAU Charter in place from 1963 to 1982, achievements in resolving minor conflicts but not in major ones, e.g. Biafra</li> <li>• Whether aim of political unity was realistic</li> </ul>
Who were the main leaders of the Pan-Africanist movement and what were their motives?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nkrumah – a dynamic leadership</li> <li>• Leadership of countries such as Guinea, Mali – struggles for voice within French West Africa</li> <li>• OAU – Nkrumah, Nasser and Haile Selassie – personal agendas</li> </ul>
What were the advantages and disadvantages of co-operation for African states?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strength in numbers, all working for the same objective – independence at first</li> <li>• Concerns about loss of sovereignty</li> <li>• Bargaining against the rest of the world for funds/favourable trade terms</li> <li>• Attempts at economic unity</li> </ul>
How significant a role has the United Nations played in stabilising independent African states and regions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attempts to create ‘African blocs’ at the UN</li> <li>• UN involvement in African flashpoint situations, e.g. Togo, Congo</li> <li>• UN as a partner in African development</li> </ul>



## Depth study 5: Southeast Asian History, 1945–1990s

This option is only available in the November session.

Key Questions	Key Content
<b>Theme 1: The impact of World War II</b>	
What was the economic and social impact of Japanese rule on the people of Southeast Asia?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The aims and nature of the Japanese Co-prosperity zone in Southeast Asia</li> <li>• The effects of the loss of European and US colonial markets</li> <li>• The economic effects of the war and blockades</li> <li>• Revival of indigenous military traditions and effect on village tradition of greater mobility in wartime</li> </ul>
What was the importance of resistance movements against Japan in Southeast Asia?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of Communist resistance in Indo-China</li> <li>• Resistance in the Philippines</li> <li>• British and American sponsored resistance in Burma, Thailand and Malaya</li> <li>• Problems faced by resistance movements and reasons for different levels of resistance in Southeast Asia</li> </ul>
To what extent did Japanese rule develop nationalism in Southeast Asia?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extent of Southeast Asian nationalism before 1940</li> <li>• Importance of co-operation of political leaders with the Japanese</li> <li>• Japanese wartime propaganda</li> <li>• Japanese political concessions after 1942</li> </ul>
How far did World War II bring about the end of colonial rule in Southeast Asia?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problems of maintaining colonial rule in Southeast Asia before World War II</li> <li>• How far wartime defeats made it impossible to maintain colonial rule in Burma and the Philippines</li> <li>• Why Dutch colonial rule ended</li> <li>• Why colonial rule lasted longer in Malaya and Indo-China</li> </ul>

<b>Theme 2: The achievement of independence and its consequences</b>	
Why, and with what consequences (to 1975), did Vietnam achieve independence in 1954?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons for French defeat</li> <li>• Why did Vietnam remain divided for so long?</li> <li>• What was the importance for Vietnam of US involvement?</li> <li>• The impact on the region of ongoing conflict in Vietnam</li> </ul>
Why, and with what consequences, did the Federation of Malaysia come about?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British pressure to maintain unity</li> <li>• Problems of integrating Singapore and Malaya</li> <li>• The situation in Brunei</li> <li>• Importance of separation of Singapore</li> </ul>
How well did Sukarno and Suharto deal with the problems of Indonesia after independence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of the army</li> <li>• Guided Democracy and authoritarianism</li> <li>• Pancasila</li> <li>• Social and economic development</li> </ul>
What problems faced the supporters of democracy in Burma (Myanmar) after independence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional divides inherited from colonial rule</li> <li>• Economic problems</li> <li>• Influence and tactics of Ne Win</li> <li>• Situation of Aung San Suu Kyi</li> </ul>

<b>Theme 3: Nation building</b>	
Why was there military rule in Thailand?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inherited military rule in 1948</li> <li>• Role of military strong-men</li> <li>• US influence and Cold War context</li> <li>• Problems of opposition</li> </ul>
Why did the Philippines come under the rule of Marcos and have his successors been more successful?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social and political situation by 1965</li> <li>• The Marcos coup and its consequences</li> <li>• Policies of Ramos, Estrada and Arroyo</li> <li>• Problems of insurgency and Islamic militancy</li> </ul>
What explains the emergence and nature of the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The coup against Sihanouk and the legacy of his rule</li> <li>• The rise of the Khmer Rouge and civil war 1970–75</li> <li>• Personality and ideas of Pol Pot</li> <li>• Social and economic policies 1975–78</li> </ul>
How successfully did the regimes of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos respond to changing political circumstances after 1991?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of ideological change with the end of the USSR and changes in China</li> <li>• Foreign investment and co-operation</li> <li>• Growth of private sector</li> <li>• Reforms in Party and government</li> </ul>
<b>Theme 4: Regional developments</b>	
How important has ASEAN been for Southeast Asia?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation and aims of ASEAN</li> <li>• Economic co-operation</li> <li>• Political co-operation</li> <li>• Criticisms of ASEAN</li> </ul>
What were the major reasons for social development in post-colonial Southeast Asia before 1991?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education change</li> <li>• Urbanisation</li> <li>• Communications</li> <li>• Religious factors</li> </ul>
What has been the impact of globalisation and economic change on Southeast Asia since 1991?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons for the development of the 'Tiger economies'</li> <li>• Financial; Crash of 1997 and its importance</li> <li>• Unequal development of Southeast Asian economies</li> <li>• Consequences of economic growth for living standards and social development</li> </ul>

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## 5 Other information

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