

GCSE History revision guidance: 2018-19

Specification: Edexcel GCSE History 9-1

Your three exams will be:

Paper 1: Medicine in Britain (including the Western Front)

Date: 03rd of June 2019 (AM)

Length: 1 hour 15 mins

Paper 2: Cold War and Superpower Relations AND Early Elizabethan England

Date: 6th of June 2019 (PM)

Length: 1 hour 45 mins

Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany

Date: 11th of June 2019

The main resources that you should use when you are revising for history are:

- 1) Your electronic PLCs that are available to you on google classroom. These PLCs contain knowledge questions for all of the content that you need to know for the GCSE as well as practice exam questions for every type of question. You should highlight on your PLC every time you revise a knowledge question or write a practice exam answer.
- 2) The Quizlet sets that are available to you which correspond to the questions in the electronic PLCs.

These resources allow you to make sure that you know all that you need to know for the GCSE (if you can answer every knowledge question then you know they key content) as well as give you a bank of practice questions to aid your revision.

This youtube video explains how to use these tools in the best way to help you revise:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLNaQUiul8&t=61s>

Youtube videos outlining what how to approach each paper:

Medicine: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLNQsRX_nKo&t=398s

Cold War and Elizabeth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7ZKa61cTXU&t=500s>

Germany: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIArV4rAfNg&t=153s>

Playlists of useful youtube videos for each section of the course:

Medicine:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJWLJxiWgDY&list=PLJIGpHXYzYnauWk5VrschC4vi30IIAVgf&index=1>

Elizabeth:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jmhak-RI67o&list=PLJIGpHXYzYnbidqtobt6vhTQACAghV9O4&index=1>

Cold War:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zXiClnK8oE&list=PLJIGpHXYzYnY7IHHPyyz1-HhJwseOx9jg>

Germany:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7FexCu1jo&list=PLJIGpHXYzYnYR9M--OVYmZJt3O-ThNMMT>

Other useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zw4bv4j>

<https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/>

Specification:

https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/History/2016/specification-and-sample-assessments/9781446925867_GCSE2016_L12_History_Web.pdf

Other revision ideas:

- 1) Test your understanding of chronology through 'timeline tests'. Just draw a timeline on a piece of paper and choose a period in the course. You then write down everything that you can remember from that period in the course onto the timeline. When you have finished go back over it and write in what you have forgotten or correct any mistakes in another colour.
- 2) Go back over your class notes and transform them into another format. This could be flash card, mind maps or summarised notes. Do NOT just read over and highlight your notes. The research suggests that this is a highly ineffective method of revision. In order to be effective revision needs to provoke hard thought.
- 3) Do practice essays and exam papers using the examples that you have been given. Once you have done these you can either mark them yourselves, give them to a peer, sibling or parent to look at or show them to your teacher.
- 4) Look back over your mock paper and review the feedback videos that were made for you. Increase your understanding of the exam technique by rewriting and improving one of the questions from the mock paper that you have not previously rewritten.