

Why OCR GCSE History B (Modern World)? Let us put you in the picture.

If you're weighing up your GCSE options at the moment, take a minute to consider just what you might gain if you choose our History B (Modern World). Read on and let us explain a bit more...

What's in it for me?

History is about people – real people whose lives were sometimes exciting, like being a 'flapper' in the 1920s, and sometimes frightening, like sharing a muddy, war-torn trench with rats.

Whatever their lives were about, there are often fascinating and sometimes tragic stories behind them – and you'll discover some of these on this intriguing course. It will also help you develop skills that are useful in a wide range of jobs or in the further study of history.

How could it help with my future?

A study of History teaches the following skills, which will be useful in most careers:

- How to interpret and evaluate pieces of information (ie sources)
- How to communicate and apply knowledge
- How to describe and analyse the key features of the period studied
- Critical thinking and problem solving.

What are some of the things I'll learn?

You'll take a detailed look at one of the most dramatic and troubled periods of human history, in particular the 20th century. As well as learning dates and events, you'll focus on how those events shaped the modern world.

You'll take a closer look at changes in British society, including the roles of women and patterns of ethnicity, and how young people's lives have altered. You'll also get an insight into international relations, global conflict and political developments in key countries.

How will my work be assessed?

This GCSE has a combination of exams and controlled assessment. Controlled assessment means coursework you do in a supervised environment – which could be in your classroom or, for example, on a field trip.

You'll have:

- **A 2-hour exam** divided into three sections based on topics you'll have studied. This is worth 45% of your total mark. Your teacher will tell you when you'll be doing this paper.
- **A 1½-hour exam** based on a specified issue across the period studied over the two-year course and worth 30%.
- **A controlled assessment unit**, worth 25%. You'll complete a task based on a set questions chosen from one of four options.

What grades could I get?

You could achieve any grade from A* to G, depending on how you do.

Got any more questions?

If you think this GCSE is right for you, why not have a chat with your History teacher?

Options combination chart

DEPTH STUDY A choice of one of seven	A011–A017 CORE (Aspects of International Relations) One of three		
	The Inter-War Years 1919–1939	The Cold War 1945–1975	A New World? 1948–2005
A011 (currently known as A971/11) <i>Germany 1918–1945</i>	✗	✓	✓
A012 (currently known as A971/12) <i>Russia 1905–1941</i>	✗	✓	✓
A013 (currently known as A971/13) <i>The USA 1919–1941</i>	✗	✓	✓
A014 (currently known as A971/14) <i>Mao's China c. 1930–1976</i>	✓	✗	✓
A015 (currently known as A971/15) <i>Causes and Events of the First World War 1890–1918</i> (NB. This unit cannot be combined with Unit A021, How was British society changed, 1890–1918?)	✓	✓	✓
A016 (currently known as A971/16) <i>End of Empire c. 1919–1969</i>	✓	✓	✓
A017 (currently known as A971/17) <i>The USA, Land of Freedom? 1945–1975</i>	✓	✗	✓

✗ = not available in this unit ✓ = available in this unit

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"Patriots always talk of dying for their country, and never of killing for their country."

Bertrand Russell