

# AQA GCSE History (Spec: 8145)



## Introduction

Ever wondered how the Cowboys beat the Indians? Or how we found out that germs cause disease? Or how the reign of Elizabeth I changed Britain forever? You will find out the answer if you opt to study History at GCSE.

## How is the course structured?

The course involves four units, assessed via two exams.

### America, 1840–1895: Expansion and consolidation

This period study focuses on the development of America during a turbulent half century of change, studying the role of ideas and key individuals in shaping these changes.



### Conflict and tension, 1990–2009

This wider world in depth study enables students to understand the complex and diverse interests of different groups, races, nations and states, focusing on recent conflict in the Gulf and Afghanistan.



### Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day

This thematic study will enable students to gain an understanding of how medicine and public health developed in Britain over a long period of time.

### Elizabethan England 1568-1603

This option allows students to study in depth the 'Golden Age' of the 'Virgin Queen;' a time of invasion, religious tension, exploration and the greatest Queen Britain has ever known...



## How will I learn and be assessed?

In History you will be expected to develop the skills you have used throughout Key Stage 3 – analysis of evidence, reaching conclusions, constructing a logical argument. These skills, along with good basic literacy skills will help you to be successful at GCSE in History.

**Two 1hr 45min exams – both June 2018.**

