

# 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, 1890-1914

This wider world in depth study enables students to understand the reasons for the outbreak and course of the First World War.



### 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 in June 2020.**

