

KS5 Curriculum Overview

History Edexcel: options 1G, 2G and 36

What am I learning and why?		
Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn	 The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, c1911–46 Risorgimento and the birth of "Italy" – an introduction to Italy and Italian unification Italian Liberal State: What undermined the strength of the Italian Liberal State c.1890-1918? Impact of First World War and rise of Mussolini – 1918-1922. What was the main reason for Mussolini's rise to power? Germany and West Germany, 1918-89 Why did the Weimar government fail? How did Hitler achieve and consolidate his power by 1933? 	Protest, Agitation and Parliamentary Reform, 1780 - 1928 Introduction to parliamentary reform, 1780 - 1928 Radical reformers, c. 1790–1819 Chartism, c1838–c1850 Non-examined assessment (coursework) An independent study into the causes of the French Revolution. Students are supported with research methodology, the construction of an argument and appropriate referencing.
Spring	 The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, c1911–46 The creation of a Fascist dictatorship – 1922-1926. Why was Mussolini able to create a Fascist dictatorship? The Fascist State: 1925-1940 – How far did Mussolini create a totalitarian state? How successful was Mussolini's economic policy? Germany and West Germany, 1918-89 How did the Second World War affect Nazi policies? Using historical interpretations to analyse the past. Historical interpretations of the outbreak of the Second World War. Hitler's foreign policy and the outbreak of the Second World War. 	 Protest, Agitation and Parliamentary Reform, 1780 - 1928 Contagious Diseases Acts and the campaign for their repeal, 1862–86 The Women's Social and Political Union, 1903–14 Trades union militancy, 1915–27 Non-examined assessment (coursework) Feedback on draft and submission of coursework.
Summer	 The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, c1911–46 Challenges to Fascist State – How was Italy viewed internationally at the time? How far did Mussolini's views on foreign policy shift, 1923-1935? How successful was Mussolini's foreign policy, 1935-1939? Decline and Fall of the Fascist State – Was the Second World War really the main reason for Mussolini's downfall? Creation of a new Italy – What were the consequences of the Second World War on the Italian state? Germany and West Germany, 1918-89 Change and continuity in the Federal Republic of Germany 	 Protest, Agitation and Parliamentary Reform, 1780 - 1928 The reform of parliament, 1780 - 1928 Changing influences in parliament: the impact of parliamentary reform Revision
Rationale for this sequencing	Both courses require a chronological examination of the periods studied: the decline and fall of two Italian nations – the Liberal State and the Fascist State – and the political, economic and social developments of Weimar Germany, Nazi Germany and the Federal Republic of Germany. This chronological underpinning allows you to track the over-arching narrative of the period: the cause and consequence of specific events, e.g. Libyan War, the continuities and changes that occur throughout different stages, e.g. the development of the economy.	The Protest, Agitation and Parliamentary Reform course unit requires you to understand the breadth of parliamentary reform from 1780 – 1928 and study five reform movements in depth, such as the achievements and impact of the Women's Social and Political Union and the Chartist movement. Following an introduction to the course, you will tackle each depth study in chronological order, developing an understanding change, continuity, cause, consequence, similarity, difference and significance across the period. This approach gives you a broad understanding of the change and continuity in Parliament over the period, thus enabling you to place each depth study in its historical context and make comparisons between themes across the course. The non-examined assessment of the History A Level centres on the French Revolution. Students research, plan and write a 3,000 – 4,000 word essay that is internally examined and contributes towards your final grade.

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