

Clarendon Academy Sixth Form: Subject Essentials

History

Exam Board: OCR

Specification: History A

Fascinating Idea

Martin Luther King Jr's real name was Michael. His father travelled to Germany in 1934 and was inspired by the famous Germany monk Martin Luther and changed his son's birth certificate when he returned to the USA

How am I examined in this subject?

History is assessed through three exam papers and a piece of coursework.

- **Paper 1: England 1547-1603: The Late Tudors.** This exam is worth 25% of your A-Level and is 90 minutes. It is divided into two sections. One will ask you to assess four sources (30 marks) concerning issues in the reigns of Edward VI and Mary I (historians sometimes refer to this period as the 'Mid-Tudor Crisis'). Your second part will be an essay (20 marks) on the reign of Elizabeth.
- **Paper 2: Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-1963.** This exam is worth 15% of your A-Level and is 60 minutes. In this paper you will be given two options and you will need to answer two essays (one worth 10 marks and the other 20).
- **Paper 3: Civil Rights in the USA 1864-1992.** This exam is worth 40% of your A-Level and is two and a half hours. You will need to evaluate two interpretations (30 marks) and then answer two 25 mark essays.
- **Non-Examined Assessment.** This is worth 20% of your A-Level and is a 3-4000-word essay. You will have a choice of what topic you would like to focus on.

How are my responses assessed?

Across the different questions you will be assessed on some (or all) of the following assessment objectives (AOs)

- **AO1:** Demonstrate good use of historical knowledge, display the ability to make substantiated judgements and explore concepts of cause, consequence, change, continuity, similarity, difference and significance.
- **AO2:** Analyse and evaluate appropriate source materials, primary and/or contemporary to the period, within its historical context.
- **AO3:** Analyse and evaluate, in relation to the historical context, different ways in which aspects of the past have been interpreted.

How could this subject support my future education or career?

Studying History can prepare you well for careers in the media, law, publishing, education and a range of other fields.

In History you will be expected to analyse and utilise a range of diverse historical evidence to form a sustained and convincing argument. The skills you gain in History are applicable to most subjects at degree-level.

How do we support students who are aiming for A/A* grades?

- A comprehensive History folder is available on the Sixth Form VLE, which contains a number of thought-provoking articles from academic journals. Students are encouraged to read and make notes on these articles in their Supported Study sessions.
- We provide a detailed list of documentaries and podcasts that will provide students with new and interesting perspectives to help enhance their understanding.
- We organise one-to-one sessions with students who would like additional support in improving their essays or their coursework drafts.
- We provide students with a clear understanding of the subject specification, mark schemes and strategies to achieve top marks.

How do we support students who are finding this subject difficult?

- We organise one-to-one sessions with students who are struggling with specific texts or skills in our subject.
- We provide printed versions of the PowerPoint presentations and other notes we use in lessons for students who experience difficulties with the pace of lessons.
- We provide detailed and helpful feedback on the work that students submit to use and give them the opportunity to improve their work at regular opportunities.

Who can I contact if I want to find out more?

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