



History

Exam Board: AQA

A Level



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Year 1 - Component One (Breadth Study)

Consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty: England 1485-1547

Henry VII, 1485-1509

Henry Tudor's consolidation of power: character and aims; establishing the Tudor Dynasty

Government: councils, parliament, justice, royal finance, domestic policies

Relationship with Scotland and other foreign powers; securing the succession; marriage alliances

Society: churchmen, nobles and commoners; regional divisions; social discontent and rebellions

Economic development: trade, exploration, prosperity and depression

Religion; humanism; arts and learning

Henry VIII, 1509-1547

Henry VIII: character and aims; addressing Henry VII's legacy

Government: Crown and Parliament, ministers, domestic policies including the Royal Supremacy

Relations with Scotland and other foreign powers; securing the succession

Society: elites and commoners; regional issues and the social impact of religious upheaval; rebellion

Economic development: trade, exploration, prosperity and depression

Religion: Renaissance ideas; reform of the Church; continuity and change by 1547

Year 1 - Component Two (Depth Study)

Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia 1917-1953

Dissent and Revolution

The condition of Russia before the revolution of February 1917; the Tsar, the war effort, the economic state and social state.

The February Revolution; causes and events, the Provisional Government and the Petrograd Soviet, Kerensky and Lenin, the Kornilov coup.

The October Revolution; causes and events, establishment of Bolshevik authority.

Bolshevik consolidation

Civil War; role of Trotsky, murder of the Tsar, reasons for Red victory.

Economic and social developments; state capitalism, war communism, the Red terror, Kronstadt rising, the NEP.

Stalin's rise to power

Power struggle; Lenin's death, reasons for Stalin's victory, ideological debates, permanent revolution and socialism in one country.

Economic and social developments; the Great Turn, collectivization, the Five-year Plans, beginnings of the Stalin personality cult.

Year 2 - Component One (Breadth study)**England: turmoil and triumph, 1547-1603**

Edward VI, Somerset and Northumberland; royal authority; problems of succession; relations with foreign powers

The social impact of religious and economic changes under Edward VI; rebellion; intellectual developments; humanist and religious thought

Mary I and her ministers; royal authority; problems of succession; relations with foreign powers

The social impact of religious and economic changes under Mary I; rebellion; intellectual developments; humanist and religious thought

Elizabeth I: character and aims; consolidation of power, including the Act of Settlement and relations with foreign powers

The impact of economic, social and religious developments in the early years of Elizabeth's rule

The Triumph of Elizabeth: 1563-1603

Elizabethan government: court, ministers and parliament; factional rivalries

Foreign affairs: issues of succession; Mary Queen of Scots; relations with Spain

Society: continuity and change; problems in the regions; social discontent and rebellions

Economic development: trade, exploration and colonisation; prosperity and depression

Religious developments, change and continuity; the English Renaissance and 'Golden Age' of art, literature and music

The last years of Elizabeth: the state of England politically, economically, religiously and socially by 1603

Year 2 - Component Two (depth study)**Economy and society 1929-41;**

Economic; Collectivization, impact on kulaks, famine 1932-34, aims and results first 3 Five-Year Plans, Stakhanovites.

Social developments; development of Stalin cult, similarities and differences Lenin's and Stalin's USSR.

Stalinism, politics and control 1929-41;

Dictatorship; machinery of state terror, Kirov and the purges, Stalin constitution, the Yezhovshchina, Gulags, death of Trotsky.

International relations; role of Comintern, cooperation with Germany, intervention in Spanish Civil War, Nazi-Soviet Pact.

Great Patriotic War and Stalin's dictatorship 1941-53;

Impact of war; Operation Barbarossa, course of war, Stalingrad, mobilisation of people and economy, foreign aid, defeat of Germany.

High Stalinism; NKVD under Beria, Zhdanovism and cultural purge, Leningrad affair, Doctors plot.

Emergence of a superpower; formation soviet bloc, conflict with USA, death of Stalin, Stalin's legacy.

Year 2 - Component Three

Complete an historical investigation based on a development or issue that has been the subject of differing interpretations. The investigation must be:

Independently researched and written by the student
3000 to 3500 words long

Based upon the consideration of primary and secondary sources

About a period of at least 100 years

An issue that does not cover the periods studied in components 1 or 2

