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Free support materials, with details and links


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A hyperlink is provided for each piece of support. Some links are directly to specific files, some are to the webpages or dropdowns where the files are stored.

Support materials	Details
Specifications and sample assessment materials	The starting point for information on content and assessment in AS and A level History.
Specimen papers	An extra set of A level History papers to exemplify the assessment model.
Past papers, mark schemes and examiner reports	For every series since 2016 (AS) or 2017 (A level). An Edexcel Online login is required to access files with a silver padlock – check with your exams officer if you can't open them.
Forms and administration	Guidance on using the Coursework advisory service and the Learner Work Portal, plus templates.
Coursework submission	Step-by-step guidance on submitting coursework, plus other useful advice and links.
Getting Started Guide	An overview of the specification, to help you get to grips with the content and assessment requirements of the specification.
Topic booklets	Topic booklets for every option on the specification. These include content guidance, student timelines, and suggested resources for teachers and students.

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Applying Criteria Guidance	Guidance on the application of valid criteria in making a judgement.
Guidance on Interpretations	Abridged version of guidance by Dr Arthur Chapman on developing students' understanding of historical interpretations.
Schemes of work	Sample outline schemes of work for each topic in the specification, in editable Word files.
Mapping AQA specification Mapping OCR specification	Mapping documents to help support teachers in moving to Edexcel GCE History.
Student walkthrough videos	<p>A series of recorded student walkthrough videos. These recordings are designed to help your students prepare for the summer exam series.</p> <p>Each paper has an introduction, recapping the structure and focus of each paper, with tips on revision and essay planning. These are followed by a series of recordings for each question on the paper, looking at the question requirements and the skills being assessed, along with some in-depth revision tips and practice exercises.</p>
Paper 1 network event Paper 2 network event Paper 3 network event Coursework network event	<p>Training packs that take deep dives into the assessment requirements of the three A level papers and the coursework element, exploring things such as how to apply criteria and how to analyse and evaluate sources and interpretations, all supported with teaching ideas and strategies.</p> <p><i>Also listed below under Past training content.</i></p>
Exemplar student answers	Exemplar student answers from the summer 2017 and 2018 series, with examiner commentaries and mark schemes. (More recent exemplars are available in PE reports and in feedback events – see below.)
Coursework guide	Drawing together all the existing guidance into one easily accessible place.
Coursework artificial intelligence guidance	Clarification on the rules around the use of artificial intelligence in Edexcel A level History coursework.
Coursework case study	A case study with Dr David Brown, Curriculum Manager History, The Sixth Form College Farnborough, about how he approaches coursework with his students
Coursework FAQs	Guidance on a range of questions often asked about coursework requirements.

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Coursework exemplars	A coursework exemplar on the Salem witch trials. Many more coursework exemplars can be found in the coursework marking training packs (summer 2022 here and from summer 2019 here) and in early Principal Moderator reports.
Example coursework questions	A set of 10 examples for coursework, including sample questions, summaries of interpretations, and resource lists.
Coursework word count guidance	Clarification on coursework word count requirements.
Co-teachability guide	Approaches to co-teaching AS and A level students in the same class.
Results Plus data	Results Plus data from past series is available under the Guidance tab. This provides data on global cohort performance, overall and by each grade. An Edexcel Online login is required. Results Plus can be accessed here .
A level History baseline test	Baseline tests for students starting GCE History at the beginning of Year 12.
South Africa podcast series	Seven-part podcast series created by Anti-Apartheid Legacy: Centre of Memory and Learning and of use to teachers and students taking our Paper 2 South Africa depth study. Each podcast is a conversation with an eminent historian of South African history, focusing on a different decade or aspect of apartheid history. See also this resource of Lord Peter Hain, talking to students at Esher Sixth Form College, on 'My fight against apartheid'.

Training materials	Details
Pearson Professional Development Academy	Book a place on upcoming events, and access recordings of past training sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessing Level 5 (spring 2026) • Summer 2025 insights (autumn 2025) • Teaching and assessing sources (spring 2025) • Summer 2024 insights (autumn 2024) • New to Edexcel (autumn 2024) • Coursework marking training (self-paced training)

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Past training content	Packs from past training events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New to Edexcel (from 2018 but updated regularly) • Summer 2025 insights (autumn 2025) • Summer 2024 insights (autumn 2024) • Summer 2023 series feedback (autumn 2023) • Summer 2022 series feedback (autumn 2022) • Accessing Level 5 (spring 2026) • Teaching and assessing sources (spring 2025) • Paper 1 network event (spring 2022) • Paper 2 network event (spring 2021) • Paper 3 network event (spring 2023) • Delivering coursework network event (spring 2024) • Coursework marking training module 4 (autumn 2023) • Summer 2019 series feedback (autumn 2019) • Summer 2018 series feedback (autumn 2018)

Facebook support group

An official Pearson Edexcel History Teacher Facebook group was launched in October 2025, for teachers of our GCSE, A level and International History qualifications. This private group is for Edexcel teachers to share ideas and resources and to get support from colleagues as well as the Pearson History team.

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/edexcelhistory>

There is also an unofficial Edexcel A level History teacher support group can be found on Facebook. The group is run by teachers, and has over 3000 members.

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/654810031319891/>

Pearson Edexcel is not involved in administering this group – our only involvement is when our subject advisor responds to teacher queries or posts important updates. Teachers share resources and discuss strategies for delivering our A level History qualification.

Endorsed resources*

Endorsement means that a resource has been through our quality assurance process to confirm that it meets the teaching and learning requirements a specification is aimed at. Endorsement of a resource doesn't mean it's the only suitable material available, or that it is required to achieve the qualification.

Endorsed textbooks by Hodder and Pearson are listed on this webpage.

* You don't have to purchase any resources, including those from Pearson, to deliver our qualifications.

Transform History Teaching with Multimedia Resources from the Educational Recording Agency (ERA)

[The ERA Licence](#) provides seamless access to television and radio recordings, offering a single point of clearance for the rights needed to create and use authentic media resources in your classroom. With [ERA's free video streaming platform](#), licensed institutions can explore a rich library of curriculum-mapped TV and radio clips tailored to GCSE, AS, and A-level teaching.

Engage your learners with curated clips, full-length documentaries, and programmes that bring historical contexts to life. The platform also includes exclusive access to the **BBC Shakespeare** and **Literary Archives**, offering unique cross-curricular opportunities to enrich your lessons with impactful media—perfect for both homework and classroom activities.

To access this free resource [registration is required](#) – but is quick and simple. State schools in England are licensed under a central agreement with the DfE and the vast majority of independent schools also hold a current ERA Licence.

[Diversity and inclusion in history](#)

We believe that the History curriculum should be representative and inclusive of all learners, and reflect the ways that Britain has been shaped by its interactions with the wider world.

Recent and current events have highlighted that we need, and want, to do more to ensure our History curriculum fully reflects today's students, and is free from bias. While the journey to making this a reality may be complex and far reaching, a key step to realising this is working together with key stakeholders, schools, and young people to drive this change.

This set of webpages includes the following:

- Recordings of the panel discussion at the GCSE History Migrants in Britain launch event, Migration Museum, October 2021
- Information on Migrants in Britain thematic and resources to support it
- Pearson and The Black Curriculum in partnership
- History topic of the month series
- Case studies on different aspects of diverse histories