



Download this information on the Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in History and pass it on to parents.

## Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in History

The Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in History is a relatively new qualification which is why you may not have heard about it, so we've put together a brief explanation to help you understand more.

### What is the Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in History?

The Certificate in History is equivalent to a GCSE and has the same grading system as a GCSE (i.e. A\*-G). The Certificate in History also counts towards school league tables and the English Bacculaureate measure.

### Why is it called a Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in History?

The Certificate in History is **a qualification that is equivalent to a GCSE**. The Level 1/Level 2 in the title indicates that **it is the same level as GCSE** which is also a Level 1/Level 2 qualification. It is not called a GCSE because it was not originally designed to meet the GCSE subject criteria set out by Ofqual. For this reason the "Certificate" was the title agreed by awarding organisations and regulators.

### What does Level 1/Level 2 mean?

Students that achieve grades A\*-C in GCSE History or the Certificate in History have achieved a Level 2 qualification. Students that achieve grades D-G in GCSE History or the Certificate in History have achieved a Level 1 qualification.

### Features of the Certificate in History

- The Certificate in History, like a GCSE, is a two year course, but there is no coursework and no Controlled Assessment.
- Students sit two examination papers at the end of the course and these are 100% externally assessed.
- Students of all abilities can study for the Certificate in History.
- It is equivalent to a GCSE and is included in the English Bacculaureate measure.
- It provides a solid basis for students to go on and study AS and A level History or other equivalent qualifications.