

## New GCSE 2009 History A & B



How might your candidates' journey through the new New GCSE 2009 History differ to that taken through the old specification?

Modular -	greater flexibility in sitting exams when your students are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage
Re-sits -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Terminal rule -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE History B at least two units must be taken in the final examination session.
Uniform Mark Scale -	candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation at the end of the course, ensuring their best performance is awarded, however the scores for the units being used to satisfy the terminal rule will be used even if they are lower than those held in the bank
The GCSE standard -	all units are assessed at the GCSE standard in whichever exam session they are offered

Below is an example of how your candidates' experience of the new specification might differ to that of the old

Please note that this example is not a recommendation of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of one of the ways that the qualification might be approached. There may be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

This exemplar refers to History B, but the principles still apply to History A

### Old GCSE History: SHP (1336)

		JUNE	weightings %	Mode	Max Sbj Mark		
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS							
Crime and punishment development study				Paper 1: 45	Exam	100	Overall grade
Protest source enquiry				Paper 2: 30	Exam		
The American West depth study and coursework				Paper 3: 25	Cwrk		

### New GCSE 2009 History B: SHP (2HB01)

Unit Availability				weightings %	Mode	Max UMS Mark	
JAN	JUNE	JAN	JUNE				
5HBO1; 5HBO2; 5HBO3;	5HBO1; 5HBO2; 5HBO3; 5HBO4	5HBO1; 5HBO2; 5HBO3;	5HBO1; 5HBO2; 5HBO3; 5HBO4	ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS			
1B: Crime and punishment		Re-sit opportunity		25	Exam	100	Overall grade
2B: The American West		Re-sit opportunity		25	Exam	100	
		3B: Protest, law and order*		25	Exam	100	
		CA5: Vietnam*		25	Controlled	100	

\*In this example these two units satisfy the terminal assessment rule. In Units 1 and 2 the best banked mark will count towards the final grade.

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