

Next steps!

If you are interested, start to find out more. Here are some ideas:

- look on the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com/gcse2009), there is a lot of useful information about what you will be studying and how you will be assessed
- visit the BBC Bitesize website (www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize)
- talk to the Head of History at your school who will be able to describe the course in detail and advise you of what you need to do next when it comes to your options.

History A: Modern World Question:

In British history the Cat and Mouse Act refers to?

History A: Modern World Answer:

(a) A law used against campaigners for votes for women in 1913

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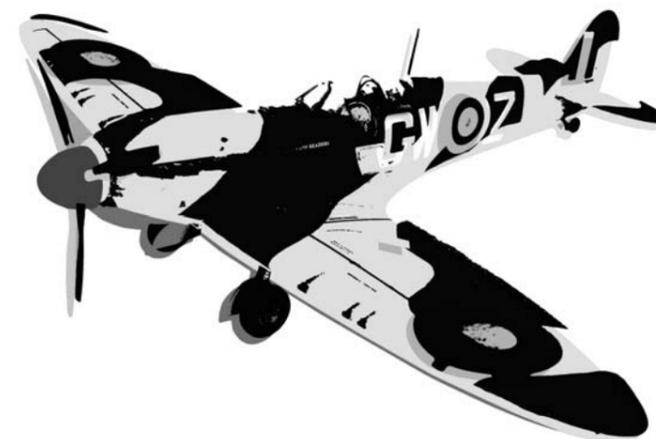
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Edexcel GCSE History A: Modern World



STUDENT GUIDE

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy learning about how the events of the last 100 years help explain the problems and opportunities of the world today then this GCSE History A: Modern World course is the ideal subject for you.

Gain insight on why important figures in history did what they did, improve your ability to judge whether you are being told the truth, only part of the truth or something completely untrue and develop valuable skills such as reasoning and debating skills.

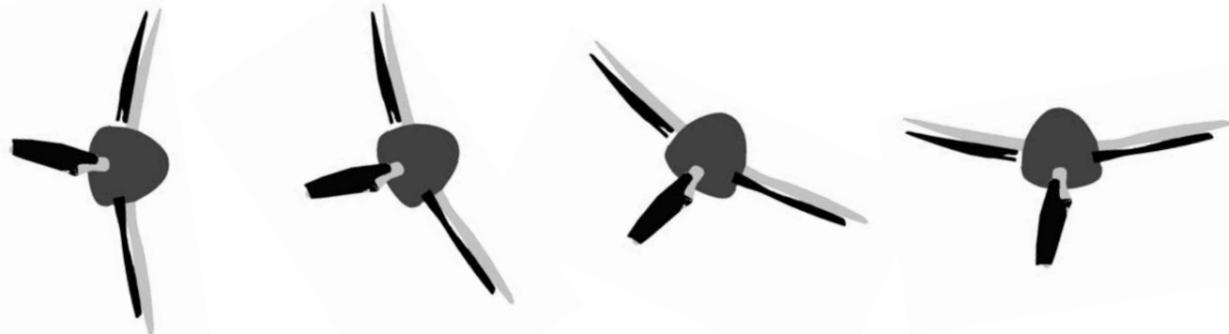
What will I learn?

You will learn about:

- international relations – what led to conflicts between countries, and how these conflicts were settled
- how historians use sources to find out about what happened – it could be people talking about trenches in the First World War or images of the Civil Rights Movement in the USA.

How will I be assessed?

Units 1, 2 and 3 Examination	Unit 4 Controlled Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a variety of questions in the examination papers. Your teacher can show you some examples to help you practice and succeed. • Examiners want you to do well and will be looking for comments to reward rather than looking to spot mistakes or gaps in your knowledge. • Many of the questions will be like those you have already done in Key Stages 3 and 4. There will be questions which ask you what you know and have learnt, and other questions which are more about your own opinions and letting you give your own explanations and reasons for something that happened in the past. 	<p>This is task based around an issue in history and will be written up in lesson times. You will carry out some research, analyse an aspect of the issue and then discuss different ways in which it has been represented.</p>



Spot the difference?



Lenin

Trotsky

The Leaders
of the Revolution



These photographs were published in Russia. They show the same event during the Russian Revolution, the celebration of the second anniversary of the Revolution in October 1919.

What has changed? Trotsky is missing in the second photography, which was the version used in Russia from the 1930s until the 1980s. Trotsky was an enemy of Stalin, who came to power after Lenin. Stalin wanted people to forget how important Trotsky has been, so he 'disappeared' from the photos.

This is just one example of the ways governments and the media try to change what you think – you'll spot plenty more on the course.

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- (a) A law used against campaigners for votes for women in 1913
- (b) A military tactic used by the RAF in World War II
- (c) A famous play that led to animal protection laws being created in 1981
- (d) The political action taken by Margaret Thatcher in the coal miners' strike of 1984