

GCSE History

Student walkthroughs to help prepare students for the summer exam series

Created in collaboration with Harris Federation

**Updated for summer 2025
and beyond**



Student walkthroughs (2025 onwards)

A series of pre-recorded student walkthroughs, created in collaboration with Harris Federation.

These recordings are designed to help your students prepare for the summer 2025 exam series. For each paper, you will find the following:

- a **playlist**
- an **overview** recording, recapping on the structure and focus of each paper, along with some revision tips
- separate recordings for **each question** on the paper, looking at what the question is assessing and features of strong answers.

On the following slides are links to the playlists and to each individual recording.



Student walkthroughs – Paper 1

Below are links to the playlist, overview and each individual question on **Paper 1 Thematic study and Historic environment** (2025 onwards).

[Paper 1: Playlist](#)

[Paper 1: Overview](#)

[Paper 1 Q1: Describe one feature](#)

[Paper 1 Q2a: Source utility](#)

[Paper 1 Q2b: Follow up an enquiry](#)

[Paper 1 Q3: Explain similarity or difference](#)

[Paper 1 Q4: Explain why](#)

[Paper 1 Q5/6: Judgement essay](#)



Student walkthroughs – Paper 2B

Below are links to the playlist, overview and each individual question on **Paper 2 British depth study** (2025 onwards).

[Paper 2B: Playlist](#)

[Paper 2B: Overview](#)

[Paper 2B Q1: Describe one feature](#)

[Paper 2B Q2: Explain why](#)

[Paper 2B Q3/4: Judgement essay](#)



Student walkthroughs – Paper 2P

Below are links to the playlist, overview and each individual question on **Paper 2 Period study** (2025 onwards).

[Paper 2P: Playlist](#)

[Paper 2P: Overview](#)

[Paper 2P Q1: Explain consequence](#)

[Paper 2P Q2: Narrative account](#)

[Paper 2P Q3: Explain importance](#)



Student walkthroughs – Paper 3

Below are links to the playlist, overview and each individual question on **Paper 3 Modern depth study** (2025 onwards).

[Paper 3: Playlist](#)

[Paper 3: Overview](#)

[Paper 3 Q1: Source inference](#)

[Paper 3 Q2: Explain why](#)

[Paper 3 Q3a: Source utility](#)

[Paper 3 Q3b: How interpretations differ](#)

[Paper 3 Q3c: Why interpretations differ](#)

[Paper 3 Q3d: Interpretations essay](#)



Command words and revision tips

To support this updated series of student walkthroughs, the additional guidance documents now include the 2025 changes:

- PDF versions of the slides used in the recordings
- a set of documents looking at each command word in turn, explaining what each command word is prompting students to do when answering the question
- revision tips covering aspects of the assessment that students can sometimes struggle to get to grips with.

[PDFs of presentations](#) (zipped file)

[Command words](#) (zipped file)

[Revision tips](#)



Student walkthroughs (2024 versions)

The summer 2024 versions remain available via the links below. These comprise six longer videos (most are 40+ mins long).

NB These videos don't include the 2025 changes to the assessment model.

[Paper 1 Section A Historic environment](#)

[Paper 1 Section B Thematic study](#)

[Paper 2 British depth study](#)

[Paper 2 Period study](#)

[Paper 3 Modern depth study Section A](#)

[Paper 3 Modern depth study Section B](#)





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