



HOMEWORK: HISTORY AND POLITICS

ETHOS OF THE DEPARTMENT

The History & Politics department views regular and challenging homework as an essential part of achieving success in our subjects. Homework tasks within the History & Politics department will:

- Build on and reinforce learning from class work
- Encourage and motivate students to achieve with History and Politics
- Foster students' commitment to independent learning
- Prepare students for success at GCSE and A Level

HOW MUCH HOMEWORK IS SET?

Key Stage 3

Students are expected to complete an average of 30 minutes per week or 1 hour per fortnight

GCSE

Students are expected to complete an average of 3 homeworks around 30 to 40 minutes per fortnight

A Level

Students will be set homework in most lessons that will take an average of 30 minutes to an hour to complete. Students will be expected to complete this work at home and within private study.

HOMEWORK ACTIVITIES

Key Stage 3: History

We aim to use a range of homework activities:

- **Research tasks** - To support the topics covered, students may be asked to research around the topic area in preparation for a lesson or to consolidate their learning of a topic
- **Tasks to apply new knowledge** - These activities might include consolidation of new information learnt in a lesson eg A news report or diary entry
- **Online quizzes** - Quizzes are located on Show My Homework and help to monitor the students' progress on the topic being covered.
- **Revision for end of unit assessments** - This type of homework is often used as we complete topics; its aim is to give students time to consolidate their understanding and link this to end of unit assessments.

GCSE: History

We aim to use a range of homework activities:

- **Research tasks** - To support the topics covered, students may be asked to research around the topic area in preparation for a lesson or to consolidate their learning of a topic
- **Tasks to apply new knowledge** - These activities might include consolidation of new information learnt in a lesson eg a news report, graphs or spider diagrams.

- **Exam style questions** - This homework is set in accordance with the Edexcel exam board and helps the students to develop their exam technique and understand the range of exam questions they will face.
- **Online quizzes** - Quizzes are located on Show My Homework and Kahoot to help to monitor the students' progress on the topic being covered.
- **Revision for end of unit mega tests/mock exams** - This type of homework is often used as we complete units; its aim is to give students time to consolidate their understanding of the unit through factual recall tests and mock examinations.
- **Reading lists** - Students will be issued with a reading list with all the units covered in the GCSE. This list will include suggested textbooks, non-fiction and fiction text, documentaries, films and visits to attractions.

A Level: History & Politics

We aim to use a range of homework activities:

- **Research tasks** - To support the topics covered, students may be asked to research around the topic area in preparation for a lesson or to consolidate their learning of a topic.
- **Tasks to apply new knowledge** - These activities might include consolidation of new information learnt in a lesson eg news reports or presentations.
- **Exam style questions** - This homework is set in accordance with the OCR exam board and helps the students to develop their exam technique and understand the range of exam questions they will face.
- **Online quizzes** - Quizzes are located on Show My Homework and Kahoot to help to monitor the students' progress on the topic being covered.
- **Revision for end of unit mega tests/mock exams** - This type of homework is often used as we complete units/topics; its aim is to give students time to consolidate their understanding of the unit through factual recall tests, exam questions and timed mock examinations.
- **Reading lists** - Students will be issued with a reading list with all the units covered in the A Level course. This list will include suggested textbooks, journals, non-fiction and fiction text, documentaries, films and visits to attractions. It is important that students read around the topics covered as this will help to develop their understanding around the context of a particular time period.

SIXTH FORM PRIVATE STUDY TASKS

Students are expected to use their private study sessions to complete relevant work each week. These private study tasks will be issued to students on a regular occasion. Students must record work completed in these sessions on a private study card in the front of their folders.

SUPPORT FROM PARENTS AND CARERS

Talking to students about their work can help them to clarify their understanding and improve their use of key terms. Discussing the marking and feedback that you see in their folders will allow you to see the progress they are making. You might also notice when some extra support is needed and suggest that they pop in and see us. When students are revising you might help by testing that they know their summary key points, this can be very effective and we will have suggested that students ask you to do this!