



URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL
& WIMBLEDON COLLEGE
SIXTH FORM

HISTORY

at Ursuline High School

LEVEL: A Level

EXAMINATION BOARD: OCR

SPECIFICATION NUMBERS: H505 (A Level)

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WHAT WILL I STUDY IN THIS SUBJECT?

A Level - Studied in Year 12

Y106 England 1485-1558: the Early Tudors

- The government of Henry VII and threats to his rule
- Henry VII's foreign policy
- Henry VIII and Wolsey
- The reign of Henry VIII after 1529

- Enquiry topic: Mid Tudor Crises 1547-1558
 - The stability of the monarchy - Edward VI and Mary Tudor
 - Religious Changes
 - Rebellion and unrest

Y221 Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963

- The establishment and development of the Weimar Republic: 1919-1933
- The establishment of the Nazi Dictatorship and its domestic policies 1933-39
- The impact of war and defeat on Germany: 1939-49
- Divided Germany: The Federal Republic and the DDR 1949-1963

A Level - Studied in Year 13

Y319 Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992

- Thematic study
 - African Americans
 - Trade Union and Labour Rights
 - Native American Indians
 - Women

- Depth Studies
 - Civil Rights in the 'Gilded Age' c.1875-c.1895
 - The New Deal and civil rights
 - Malcolm X and Black Power

Y100 Votes for Women - The campaign for suffrage in Great Britain

- The position of women c.1900
- The role of key organisations and individuals

- The impact of WW1 and the role played by women

WHAT SKILLS AND INTERESTS DO I NEED FOR THIS SUBJECT?

- à A thirst for knowledge and its retention
- à An ability to analyse, evaluate and structure arguments
- à A willingness to read & confidence when writing
- à An ability to work independently

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED FOR THE A LEVEL?

Unit	Mode	Assessment	Weighting
Y106	Examination	1hr 30 mins	25%
Y221	Examination	1hr	15%
Y319	Examination	2hrs 30 mins	40%
Y100	Coursework	4000 word essay	20%

FIELDWORK/TRIPS

Outside Speakers
 Revision Seminars
 Theatre / Enrichment Trips

WHAT OTHER SUBJECTS COMBINE WELL WITH THIS SUBJECT?

Government & Politics	English Literature	Economics & Business Studies	Extended Project
Sociology	English Language	Philosophy	Geography

History can and should also be considered by scientists, and those intending to study medicine. Many institutions look to see a subject such as history as a fourth

option in your subject combination, as an indication of your ability as a whole and writing skills.

TO WHICH FURTHER OR HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES COULD THIS SUBJECT LEAD?

Law
History
PPE
Journalism
Business and Management
Politics

WHAT CAREERS COULD THIS SUBJECT LEAD TO?

Law
Journalism
Civil Service
Media
Business
Banking
Accountancy
Public Relations
Teaching

RECOMMENDED READING/VIEWING:

The Hollow Crown by Dan Jones
The Tudors: A Very Short Introduction by John Guy
Hitler by Ian Kershaw
The Enduring Vision by Boyer et al.
Documentaries e.g. Eyes on the Prize
Broadsheet Newspapers

USEFUL LINKS:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-history-a-h105-h505-from-2015/>
www.bbc.co.uk/history
www.pbs.org/topics/history

ENTRY CRITERIA

Please refer to the Entry Criteria Insert to understand the Pathway requirements.

The entry criteria for this subject if you have studied it before is: Grade 6 in History.

The entry criteria for this subject if you have not studied it before is: Grade 6 in English Literature OR English Language