



GET THE PICTURE ON

OCR GCSE

History A

(Schools History Project)



*"History will be kind to me
for I intend to write it."*

Winston Churchill

*Where in the world would we be without **history**?*

Why OCR GCSE History A (Schools History Project)? Let us put you in the picture.

If you're weighing up your GCSE options at the moment, take a minute to consider just what you might gain if you choose our History A (Schools History Project). Read on and let us explain a bit more...

What's in it for me?

History is about people – real people whose lives were sometimes exciting, like travelling across the Wild West in a wagon train, and sometimes frightening, like being transported on a ship to Australia for stealing bread.

Whatever their lives were about, there are often fascinating and sometimes tragic stories behind them – and you'll discover some of these on this intriguing course. It will also help you develop skills that are useful in a wide range of jobs or in the further study of history.

How could it help with my future?

A study of History teaches the following skills, which will be useful in most careers:

- How to interpret and evaluate pieces of information (ie sources)
- How to communicate and apply knowledge
- How to describe and analyse the key features of the period studied
- Critical thinking and problem solving.

What are some of the things I'll learn?

On this course, you'll look at history in a number of different ways, and also have the opportunity to investigate a local historical site, in order to put real history into context.

You'll study:

Medicine through Time

or

Crime and Punishment through Time.

You'll also do one study in depth from the following:

Elizabethan England

Britain, 1815-1851

The American West, 1840-1895

Germany 1919-1945.

How will my work be assessed?

This GCSE has a combination of exams and controlled assessment. Controlled assessment means coursework you do in a supervised environment – which could be in your classroom or, for example, on a field trip.

You'll have:

– **A 2-hour decision-making exam** based on one of the topics you'll have studied. This is worth 45% of your total mark. Your teacher will tell you when you'll be doing this paper.

– **A 1½-hour exam** based on a specified issue across the period studied over the two-year course and worth 30%.

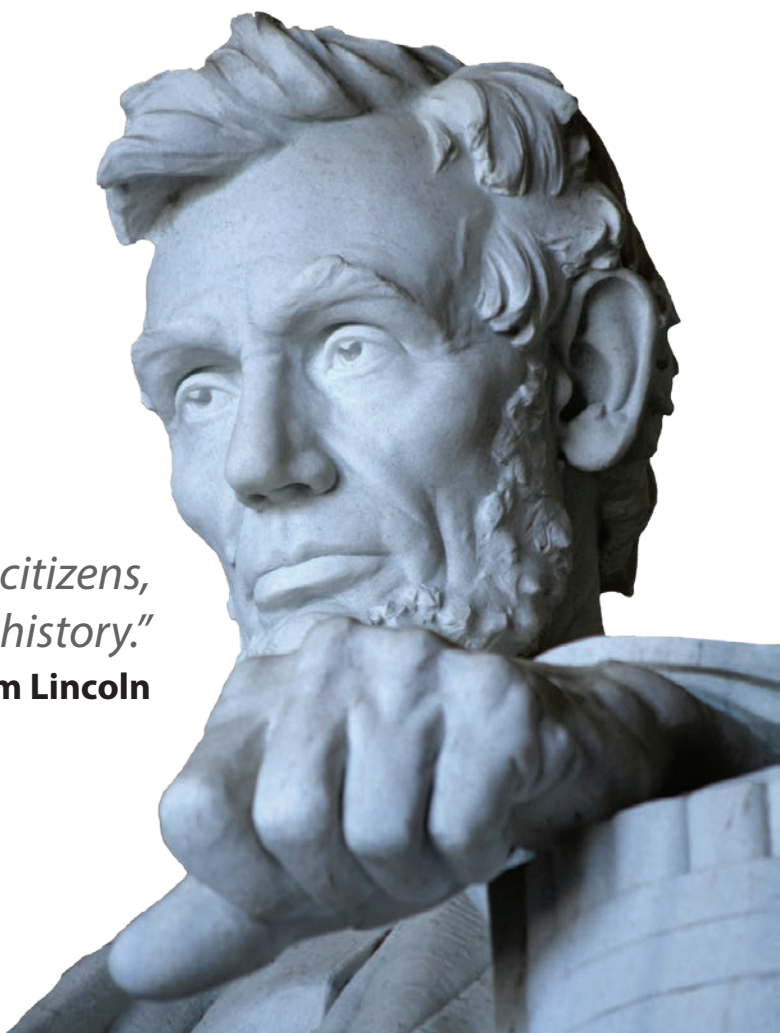
– **A controlled assessment task** on either History Around Us OR Modern World History and worth 25% in total.

What grades could I get?

You could achieve any grade from A* to G, depending on how you do.

Got any more questions?

If you think this GCSE is right for you, why not have a chat with your History teacher? You could also check out the Schools History Project website at www.schoolhistoryproject.org.uk



*"Fellow citizens,
we cannot escape history."*
Abraham Lincoln