



Ancient History



Ancient History - Year 11

Part I: The Nature of Ancient History

- Preservation, Conservation and Reconstruction of sites
- A study of a range of ancient sites from Europe, Asia and the Middle East

Part II: Features of Ancient Societies

- Case Study 1: Tutankhamun's Tomb
 - Case Study 2: Troy
 - Case Study 3: Masada
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Part III The Historical Investigation

- Independent research essay –
Ancient personality in their times, or
an event of significance.
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Ancient History - Year 12

Core: Cities of Vesuvius-Pompeii and Herculaneum

- Students investigate the range and nature of archaeological and written sources available through an exploration of issues relating to reconstruction, ownership and custodianship of the past.

Spartan society to the Battle of Leuctra 371 BC

- Key features of Spartan society through a range of archaeological and written sources and relevant historiographical issues.
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Personality - Julius Caesar OR Xerxes

- Students gain an understanding of a personality in the context of their time.

Period: the fall of the Republic 78 – 31 BC OR The Greek World 500-440 BC

- An investigation of the archaeological and written sources: significant developments, forces and relevant historiographical issues that shaped this historical period.
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Modern History



Modern History - Year 11

Part I: The Nature of Modern History

- Representation & Commemoration of the Past
- Contestability of the Past

Part II: Investigating Modern History

- Case Study 1: The American Civil War
 - Case Study 2: Cambodia, the Khmer Rouge and The Killing Fields
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Modern History - Year 11

Part III: World War One

- The nature of war & experiences of soldiers
- Reasons for Allied victory
- Development of technology & tactics

The Historical Investigation

- The historical investigation is designed to provide opportunities to further develop investigative, research and presentation skills that are the core of the historical inquiry process.
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Modern History - Year 12

Core : Power and Authority Germany: Nazi Regime to 1939.

- The impact of dictatorships on a society, the elimination of individual freedoms, and the threats that dictatorships can pose to peace and security (includes Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan)

National Study

- Russia & the Soviet Union:
1917-1941
 - Students investigate key features and issues in the history in that period.



Modern History - Year 12

Peace and Conflict

- Conflict In Indochina: 1954-1979
- Students undertake: An overall survey of the period and study in depth.

Change In the Modern World

- The Nuclear Age: 1945-2011
 - Students undertake: An overall survey of the period and study in depth.





History Extension



Extension History - Year 12 only

Top 3% of History students in NSW do this course.

You have to apply to get into the course and there is a selection criteria.

Taught outside of the timetable.

Assessment and Weighting

Research Project: 80%

HSC Trial Examination: 20%

Case Study 1: “What Is History?”

Theories / philosophies of history over time

Case Study 2: The ANZAC Legend

Changing interpretations, debates, appropriations and research.

Individual Research Project – can have an Ancient or Modern focus 80%



Assessment Tasks and Weighting

Year 11 Ancient and Modern

1. **Task 1:** source-based analysis and extended response narrative: 40%
2. **Historical Investigation:** in depth study of topic including detailed log book and variety of presentation: 30%
3. **End of course Examination:** 40%

Year 12 Ancient and Modern

1. **Core study:** source analysis and written responses: 20%
 2. **Research task:** extended response: 20%
 3. **Research task:** extended response: 30%
 4. **Trial HSC Examination:** 30%
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Requirements

- Strong essay writing ability.
 - Strong ability to interpret, analyze and evaluate written, visual and physical sources.
 - Independent research and time management skills for Historical Investigations and research tasks.
 - Commitment to weekly essays and readings.
 - A desire to debate ideas, issues and topics with peers and teachers.
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