

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to provide breadth and depth in the knowledge and understanding of historical concepts through study of chosen contexts. It is also intended to develop skills of evaluating events and sources and of investigating issues.

There are three units:

- **Scottish:** Migration and Empire 1830- 1930
- **European and World :** USA 1918 - 1968
- **British:** 1850 – 1951

Assessment

The course allows progression from National 5 and covers historical analysis, conceptual understanding, selecting and organising evidence and drawing conclusions. These skills will be assessed through a written exam which include a combination of extended response style questions and source analysis. There will also be an Assignment which counts for a third of the total mark, researched and then written in class and marked by the SQA.

Home Study Expectations

Students are expected to devote 2-3 hours per week on home study. In addition to regularly going over notes at home tasks will include: answering questions from course notes to reinforce learning; essay/source questions; answering past paper questions; background reading; revision for Unit assessments; the Prelim and the final exam; and research and planning for the Assignment.

Possible next level of study

A pass in Higher History at an A or B would allow entry into Advanced Higher and many University courses as part of a range of Highers.

Wider Achievement Opportunities

Students have many opportunities to explore and develop their skills in History through cooperative learning, class debate, independent research, self-assessment and being given opportunities to teach each other.

Possible career paths

Higher History would be beneficial to students who wish to go to university and study History, Law, Social Sciences, Journalism, Politics, Archaeology, and other arts based degrees. History would be useful for many careers including: travel and tourism, museum work, legal industries, researcher, politics, civil service, library work and the diplomatic service.