

# AQA A LEVEL HISTORY

A-level students must take assessments in all three of the following components in the same series:

- Component 1: Breadth study
- Component 2: Depth study
- Component 3: Historical investigation (Personal study)

Students must:

- study the history of more than one country
- study a British history option for Component 1 or 2
- study a non-British history option for Component 1 or 2
- study topics from a chronological range of at least 200 years

## Assessments

Component 1: Breadth study
<b>What's assessed</b> The study of significant historical developments over a period of around 100 years and associated interpretations.
<b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes</li><li>• three questions (one compulsory)</li><li>• 80 marks</li><li>• 40% of A-level</li></ul>
<b>Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• two sections</li><li>• Section A – one compulsory question linked to historical interpretations (30 marks)</li><li>• Section B – two from three essays (2 x 25 marks)</li></ul>

Component 2: Depth study
<b>What's assessed</b> The study in depth of a period of major historical change or development and associated primary evidence.
<b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes</li><li>• three questions (one compulsory)</li><li>• 80 marks</li><li>• 40% of A-level</li></ul>
<b>Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• two sections</li><li>• Section A – one compulsory question linked to primary sources or sources contemporary to the period (30 marks)</li><li>• Section B – two from three essays (2 x 25 marks)</li></ul>

### Component 3: Historical investigation

#### What's assessed

A personal study based on a topic of student's choice. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years. It must not duplicate the content of options chosen for Components 1 and 2.

#### Assessed

- 3000–3500 words
- 40 marks
- 20% of A-level
- marked by teachers
- moderated by AQA

- Through the topics studied in Components 1, 2 and 3 (Historical investigation), A-level students must cover a chronological range of at least 200 years.

#### Prohibited Combinations

Students must study a British history option for either Component 1 or Component 2. If a British history option is chosen for Component 1, it must be combined with a non-British option for Component 2. If a British history option is chosen for Component 2, it must be combined with a non-British option for Component 1. Any British option may be combined with any non-British option, other than the following:

- 1C The Tudors may not be combined with 2C The Reformation in Europe
- 1D Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy may not be combined with 2F The Sun King: Louis XIV, France and Europe

This is because there is a strong conceptual emphasis which runs across both breadth and depth options which would result in a narrowing of the student's experience.

#### The following are designated British history options:

##### Component 1

1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603

1D Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy, 1603–1702

1F Industrialisation and the People: Britain, c1783–1885

1G Challenge and Transformation: Britain, c1851–1964

1J The British Empire, c1857–1967

##### Component 2

2A Royal Authority and the Angevin Kings, 1154–1216

2B The Wars of the Roses, 1450–1499

2D Religious Conflict and the Church in England, c1529–c1570

2E The English Revolution, 1625–1660

2M Wars and Welfare: Britain in Transition, 1906–1957

2S The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–2007