



History

Course Title
History

Awarding Body
AQA

Course Level
A Level – 2 Years

Course Description

A Level History at Arrow Vale will offer students an understanding to assess some of the most significant events, people and processes of the last 200 years. Students will learn about the past in a variety of ways including collaborative work such as debates and presentations. Throughout the course students will be expected to analyse the events of the past, evaluate a variety of opinions about what happened as well as suggest and defend their own interpretations.

Course Content

Year 12

Unit 1 - The British Empire, c1857–1967

This option allows students to study in breadth issues of change, continuity, cause, and consequence in this period through the following key questions:

Why did the British Empire grow and contract? What influenced imperial policy? What part did economic factors play in the development of the British Empire? How did the Empire influence British attitudes and culture? How did the indigenous peoples respond to British rule? How important was the role of key individuals and groups and how were they affected by developments?

Unit 2 – The Birth of the USA, 1860-1801

Studying 'The Birth of the USA, 1860-1801' is a fascinating exploration of the crucial era that led to the formation of the United States. This course delves into the American Revolution, Constitution formation, and the early years of the republic, providing valuable insights into the nation's foundations. Beyond historical knowledge, it cultivates critical thinking and analytical skills, fostering an understanding of democratic principles. By connecting past events to the present, students gain a deeper appreciation for their role in a democratic society.

Year 13

History in Year 13 builds on the knowledge learnt year 12 and extends the periods of study. In addition, students will undertake a personal study, comprising a taught course as well as their own in-depth research and extended essay of 3000 words (Non-Examined Assessment). This will focus on the Civil Rights Movement in America, exploring factors behind the march towards equal rights for African-Caribbean people.

Assessment

- 2 written exams, • 3 questions (one compulsory) in each exam and • Non-Examined Assessment

Progression Routes

A Level History is very well recognised by employers and universities because it demonstrates an ability to summarise, analyse and evaluate, as well as write at length to support an opinion. It demonstrates students' ability to think, work and write at the highest analytical levels. Skills such as using evidence and developing opinions are vitally important skills.

Entry Requirements

Students are required to gain a level 6 or higher in GCSE English Language.