

IB Diploma History



'History is the study of people, actions, decisions, interactions and behaviours' ... We seek to understand the past by determining and ordering 'facts'; and from these narratives we hope to explain the decisions and processes which shape our existence. History can take the form of a tremendous story, a rolling narrative filled with great personalities and tales of turmoil and triumph. Each generation adds its own chapters to history while reinterpreting and finding new things in those chapters already written.

Those new to studying history often think history and the past are the same thing. This is not the case. The past refers to an earlier time, the people and societies who inhabited it and the events that took place there. History describes our attempts to research, study and explain the past.

Curriculum						
Term	1	2	3	4	5	6
Year 12	Rights and Protest: Apartheid	Authoritarian States – Hitler and Castro	Authoritarian States – Hitler and Castro Internal Assessment	United States' Civil War Internal Assessment	Civil Rights and Social Movements in the Americas Internal Assessments	Civil Rights and Social Movements in the Americas
Year 13	Civil Rights and Social Movements in the Americas Internal Assessment	Twentieth Century Wars and World War Two in the Americas	Twentieth Century Wars and World War Two in the Americas	Internal Assessment Examination preparations	IB Exams	

Assessment				
Higher Level	Paper 1 – 20% - 60 Minutes	Paper 2 – 25% - 90 Minutes	Paper 3 – 35% -150 Minutes	Internal Assessment – 20%
Standard Level	Paper 1 – 30%	Paper 2 – 45%	N/A	Internal Assessment – 25%

What to expect:

- Essay Based: Expect lots of writing.
- Independence and taking ownership of your own learning.
- Independent reading will be set each week and required to be able to participate in lessons.
- Develop your ability to extract important information from a variety of sources and analyse it whilst evaluating different historical perspectives. To appreciate the complex nature of historical concepts, issues, events and developments.

Recommended reading:

- Modern Historiography – An Introduction by Michael Bentley
- Mastering Modern World History by Norman Lowe
- Castro by Reinhard Kleist
- Long Walk to Freedom – Nelson Mandela

Entry requirements: GCSE English, Maths and History at grade 5 or above.