



Holsworthy
High School

MODERN HISTORY

HSIE Faculty



WHY STUDY MODERN HISTORY?

Modern History provides an excellent basis for any career path. It is a challenging academic subject which will enable you to achieve a high ATAR and assist you to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for further study.

Modern History rewards hard work.

Students will gain an understanding of key concepts including:

- Capitalism
- Communism
- Democracy
- Revolution
- Nationalism
- Liberalism
- Terrorism

Students will be assessed using a range of methods including:

- Research tasks
- Oral presentations
- Multimedia presentations
- Extended responses

PRELIMINARY COURSE – Year 11

Part I: Investigating Modern History

- a) The Nature of History
- b) Case Studies

Areas of study include:

- Trench warfare in World War 1
- Hiroshima
- Pearl Harbour
- The Berlin Wall
- The American Civil War
- The Last Russian Tsar

Part II: Historical Investigation

A significant theme, event or individual will be investigated. This may involve the study of film as a source of history. Topics of study include:

- The Holocaust
- JFK
- Civil Rights in the USA
- The Rise of Communism in China
- The Cuban Revolution

Part III – Shaping the Modern World

Students investigate the forces and ideas that shaped the modern world. Areas of study include; The French Revolution, The Rise of the Industrial Age, World War 1

HSC COURSE – Year 12

Part I - Core Study - Power and Authority in the Modern World 1919–1946 – 25%

The collapse of democracy in Germany and the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party is the central focus. The topic also includes attempts to

achieve peace and security after World War I and World War II

Part II – National Studies -25%

Possible topics include:

- Russia
- China
- USA
- Iran

Part III – Peace and Conflict - 25%

Topics may include:

- Conflicts in Europe
- Conflict in the Pacific
- Conflict in the Gulf 1980 - 2011

Part IV – Change in the Modern World - 25%

Topics may include:

- Pro-democracy movement in Burma 1945–2010
- The Cultural Revolution to Tiananmen Square 1966–1989
- Apartheid in South Africa 1960 - 1994



BY STUDYING MODERN HISTORY, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Understand the world today and the role of past events in shaping the world
- Make important decisions
- Communicate effectively and clearly
- Improve your vocabulary
- Increase your capacity to write structured responses
- Develop skills in source analysis.
- Research effectively
- Ask critical questions
- Interpret historical evidence
- Analyse and evaluate evidence



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