

**Exam Board & Course title: AQA History****Qualification: GCSE**  
**Qan Code: 601/8217/9****Level of course: GCSE****Assessment Methods:**

Two examination papers - 100%

Paper 1 - 50% - Understanding the Modern World

- Section A – six compulsory questions (40 marks)
- Section B – four compulsory questions (40 marks)
- Plus four marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar

Paper 2 - 50% - Shaping the Nation

- Section A – four compulsory questions (40 marks)
- Section B – four compulsory questions (40 marks)
- Plus four marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar

Both papers are 1 Hour and 45 Minutes

**Course content:**

A Period Study: America 1920 -1972

- The American People and the Boom
- Bust – Americans' experiences of the Depression and the New Deal
- Post War America including the Civil Rights Movement

A Wider World Depth Study: Conflict and tension between East and West  
1945-1972

- Cold War
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Vietnam
- Space Race

A Thematic Study: Health and the People – circa 1000 – Present Day

- Medicine in the Middle Ages
- Medicine in the Modern World
- Disease and Infection; Public Health; Surgery and Anatomy

A British Depth Study: Norman England – circa 1066 – 1100

- Norman Conquest
- Power of state and religion
- The Historic Environment

**Skills you need:**

- Listening skills
- Communication skills
- Ability to work within a group and independently
- An interest in the past and a desire to find things out
- Motivation

**Skills you will acquire:**

- Analytical and evaluative skills
- Thinking skills
- Problem solving
- Communication skills
- Literacy

**Progression routes and linked careers:**

This course would enable you to study History at A Level and then onto degree level. You will need a Grade 5 to do A Level History.

Linked careers include; working in a museum, Archaeologist, Teaching.

But it would also be useful for any career needing analytical and evaluative skills, for example; Banking, Law, Medicine or Accountancy.

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