



VCE HISTORY

INFORMATION GUIDE



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RATIONALE

The study of VCE History assists students to understand themselves, others, and the contemporary world, and broadens their perspective by examining events, ideas, individuals, groups and movements. Students of VCE History develop social, political, economic and cultural understandings of the conditions and features which have helped shape the present. They also explore continuity and change: the world is not as it has always been, and it will be subject to change in the future. In this sense, history is relevant to contemporary issues. It fosters an understanding of human agency and informs decision making in the present.

UNIT 1 - CHANGE AND CONFLICT

Area of Study 1

Ideology and conflict

In this area of study students focus on the events, ideologies, individuals and movements of the period that led to the end of empires and the emergence of new nation states before and after World War One; the consequences of World War One; the emergence of conflict; and the causes of World War Two. As a result of the post-World War One treaties and despite the establishment of the League of Nations, the world became increasingly hostile and unstable. Widespread economic instability, failure of diplomacy, growing militarism and territorial aggression in Europe, Africa and Asia, along with totalitarianism, combined in 1939 to draw the world into a second major conflict.

Area of Study 2

Social and cultural change

In this area of study students focus on the social life and cultural expression in the late nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth century, and their relation to the technological, political and economic changes of the period. Students explore particular forms of cultural expression from the period.

UNIT 2 - THE CHANGING WORLD ORDER

Area of Study 1

Causes, course and consequences of the Cold War

In this area of study students focus on the causes and consequences of the Cold War; the competing ideologies that underpinned events, the consequences on people, groups and nations, and the causes of the end of the Cold War, the Vietnam War and the collapse of the USSR.

Area of Study 2

Challenge and change

In this area of study students focus on the ways in which traditional ideas, values and political systems were challenged and changed by individuals and groups in a range of contexts during the second half of the twentieth century and first decade of the twenty-first century, examining Civil Rights, Martin Luther King and Malcolm, youth counter-culture and the 1968 students protests vs Vietnam. War. Students also consider the extent to which ideas, values and political systems remained the same and/or change was resisted. Students explore the causes of significant political and social events and movements, and their consequences for nations and people.



CAREER OPTIONS

- Anthropologist
- Archivist
- Art Gallery Director
- Conservator
- Criminologist
- Curator
- Historian
- Journalism
- Researcher

UNIT 3 & 4 - REVOLUTIONS

Area of Study 1

Causes of revolution

In this area of study students focus on the long-term causes and short-term triggers of revolution. In Unit 3 they study the Russian Revolution and in Unit 4, the French Revolution. They evaluate how revolutionary outbreaks were caused by the interplay of significant events, ideologies, individuals and popular movements, and how these were directly or indirectly influenced by the political, social, economic, cultural and environmental conditions of the time.

Area of Study 2

Consequences of revolution

In this area of study students focus on the consequences of the revolution and evaluate the extent to which the consequences of the revolution maintained continuity and/or brought about change to society. The success of the revolution was not guaranteed or inevitable. Students analyse the significant challenges that confronted the new regime after the initial outbreak of revolution. They evaluate the success and outcomes of the new regime's responses to these challenges, and the extent to which the revolution resulted in dramatic and wide-reaching political, social, cultural and economic change, progress or decline.



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