

History 8

Time: 5 x 35 minutes per week

Course Description:

The course is designed to foster important historical skills in students that will allow them to develop an understanding of the connections between local, regional and international history between the 15th and 20th centuries. Students will be encouraged to undertake historical investigations and critically assess evidence and different points of view in order to construct their own arguments about the past.

Resources:

Students will be provided with a variety of documents to explore the range of historical investigations covered in the course.

Main Topics Covered:

Semester 1

Age of Exploration (15th-17th centuries)

- For God, for Glory or for Gold?
- Explorers: Heroes or Villains?

Industrial Revolution (18th-19th centuries)

- How did the Industrial Revolution move people?

Dutch Colonisation of Indonesia?

- When did Dutch colonial rule of Indonesia actually begin?
- What changed and what stayed the same under Dutch rule?

Semester 2

Conflict in the 20th century: World War I

- Why did a local conflict between Austria and Serbia escalate so quickly into a world war?

Conflict in the 20th century: World War II

- Who was Adolf Hitler and what made the Germans follow him?
- Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor: Who was really to blame?

Rise of Nationalism and Independence of Indonesia

- How important was the Japanese Occupation in bringing about Indonesia's Declaration of Independence in August 1945?
- Why did the Dutch finally agree to recognise Indonesia's independence?

Assessment

Internal Assessment	Weighting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Semester Examinations (SA1 + SA2) • Continual Assessment (CA1 + CA2 + CA3 + CA4) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic tests - Presentations and assignments 	25 + 45 10 + 5 + 10 + 5
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