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GCSE in History A
(The Making of the Modern World)
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Introduction

The Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in History A (The Making of the Modern World) is designed for use in schools and colleges. It is part of a suite of GCSE qualifications offered by Edexcel.

About this specification

- Relevant and stimulating for students.
- Clear and coherent, addressing a range of key historical contexts and events.
- Straightforward and appropriate assessment methodology.
- Provides an introduction to the key concepts and contexts of history enabling progression to Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced GCE History.

Key subject aims

This Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in History A (The Making of the Modern World) aims to:

- actively engage students in the process of historical enquiry to develop them as effective and independent learners, and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- develop students' knowledge and coherent understanding of selected periods, societies and aspects of history
- develop students' awareness of how the past has been represented, interpreted and accorded significance for different reasons and purposes
- develop students' abilities to ask relevant questions about the past and to investigate them critically using a range of sources in their historical context
- enable students to organise and communicate their historical knowledge and understanding in creative and different ways and reach substantiated judgements
- recognise that students' historical knowledge, understanding and skills help them to understand the present and provide them with a basis for their role as responsible citizens, as well as allowing further study of history.

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