

GCSE HISTORY

How to guide:



THE COLD WAR (paper 1)

4 mark question:

e.g. This source supports X.
How do you know? (4)

- Describe **1 point** based on the **content** of the source.
- Describe **1 point** using your **own knowledge**.
- Describe **1 extra point**.

Maximum 5 minutes!

8 mark question:

Write an account of how X led to a crisis. (8)

- Write **at least 2 paragraphs**.
If aiming for grades 7+: 3 paragraphs.
- You only have time to **focus closely on the question** so don't mention anything irrelevant. Keep your paragraphs **succinct**.

For each paragraph:

- **Point** - one short and clear **reason** why this became a crisis.
- **Evidence** - **detailed** and clear description of what happened - keep this focused on the point!
- **Explanation** - **how/why did this become a crisis?**

If possible, make it clear what the 'storyline' is.
e.g. How did things link together? What was the most significant point of tension and why?

Maximum 10 minutes!

12 mark question:

How useful are sources H and J...? (12)

Explain how your own knowledge makes each source useful, and evaluate how reliable each source is using provenance and purpose.

Provenance & Purpose

Audience

Content

Contextual knowledge

X2!

Then an **overall** answer.

You should only spend 15 minutes on this question.

Top tip:

*For your own knowledge, you only have time for **specific, relevant details** that link to the source **AND** the question.*

*Be clear and focus on the sections of COPPO that you **DO** have something specific and relevant to write about.*

16 mark question:

'The main reason for X was...' How far do you agree with this statement? (16 + 4 SPaG)

- Write about the **named factor first**, then **2 other factors**.
- Write about **one factor per paragraph**.
- At the end, make a **clear judgment** – use the word '**whereas**' to show you are analyzing the different factors.

Top tip:

*Each paragraph needs **specific, detailed facts AND** clear explanation of how this answers the question.*

*For grades 7+: Make your **overall judgment** before you start to write, and explain how each paragraph supports this judgment.*

Maximum 20 minutes!