

GCSE History Hints & Tips



EXAM BOARDS AND TOPICS

GCSE History AQA 8145 BA

- Paper 1 Section A/B Germany, 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship 2hrs
- Paper 1 Section B/C: Conflict and Tension Between the East and West, 1945-1972
- Paper 2 Section A/A: Britain: Health and the People: c1000 to the present day 2hrs
- Paper 2 Section B/C: Elizabethan England, c1568-1603.

The Historical Environment topic for the final question of this paper Question 4 (16 marks) in 2021 will be based on **Kenilworth Castle**. There is no requirement to visit the site as this element of the course is designed to be classroom based.

<https://www.tutor2u.net/history/reference/reasons-for-english-victory-in-the-spanish-armada-1>

<https://www.britishbattles.com/the-spanish-war/the-spanish-armada/>

<https://www.history.com/topics/british-history/spanish-armada>

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Here you will find:

- Our Key Stage 4 GCSE information booklet - with information about the 4 topics.
- Examiner's reports for GCSE 2018- offering a review of the strengths and weaknesses of all centres that took this exam.
- Specimen papers and mark schemes.
- AQA schemes of work.

- PLCs for each topic - a personal checklist for students to use when reviewing their exercise books or creating revision notes. [This will identify exactly what needs to be revised and should be used before any revision guide books.](#)
- AQA guidance on The Spanish Armada in the English Channel historic environment question Paper 2 Section B/C.

USEFUL WEBSITES AND APPS/PODS



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/search?filter=bitesize&q=medicine+through+time>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zchx2p3>

GCSE Bitesize is useful but be aware that it is specifically the subject content that is so [and not the exam technique](#) unless it is specifically AQA 8145 BA.

StudyWise

<https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/history/>

tutor2u

<https://www.tutor2u.net/history/blog/gcse-history-revision-quizzes> [only attempt the relevant topics](#)


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www.GCSEPod.com

<https://historyapp.pixl.org.uk/>

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GCSE History Pixl App

Students can simply go into whatever platform they would like to use and download the app using their log ins.

Focus for PPEs

British Health and Medicine, Conflict and Tension 1945-1972

How Can I Help My Child?

- Check your child has a copy of all 4 PLCs, encourage them to go through this, **RED**, **AMBER**, **GREEN** - RAG rating each topic as they look through their exercise books checking that each topic is covered in the required depth.
- Pick a topic which is '**RED**' and using either the GCSE Pod, PiXL App, Revision Guide, revision websites or textbook make a fact file.
- How can my child revise? Mind maps, fact files, glossaries, card sorts, Podcasts, reading and making notes, mini quizzes, timelines are all revision techniques. Once a topic has been revised attempt an exam question - plan it out, look up model exam answers, examiner's guidance and mark schemes.

