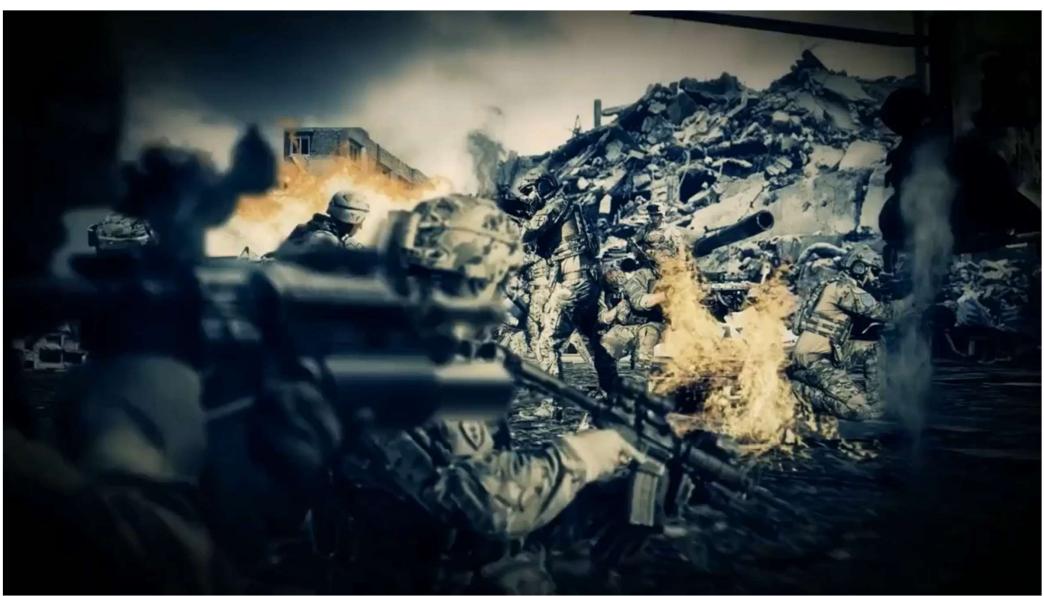


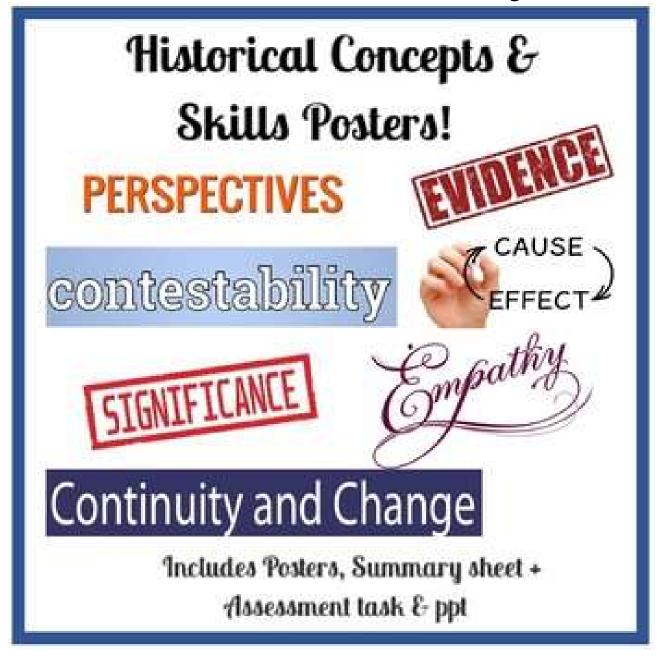
# Assumption English School

Introduction to Upper Sec History (Express Stream)

## Why Study History?



## Relevance of History



### **History Elective**

- O-level:
- Humanities (Social Studies, History)
  - To be combined with Paper 1 (Social Studies) to make up total subject grade for <u>Humanities</u>.
- Each topic will be introduced through the use of an enquiry question.

## Syllabus Content Outline and Key Questions

#### ■ Unit 1 –The World in Crisis

Enquiry Question: What forces and developments changed Europe and the Asia-Pacific in the first half of the 20th century?

#### ■ Unit 2 – Bi-Polarity and the Cold War

Enquiry Question: How did the Cold War impact the world order in the post-1945 years?



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## SYLLABUS FRAMEWORK AND OUTLINE

#### **Unit 1 – The World in Crisis**

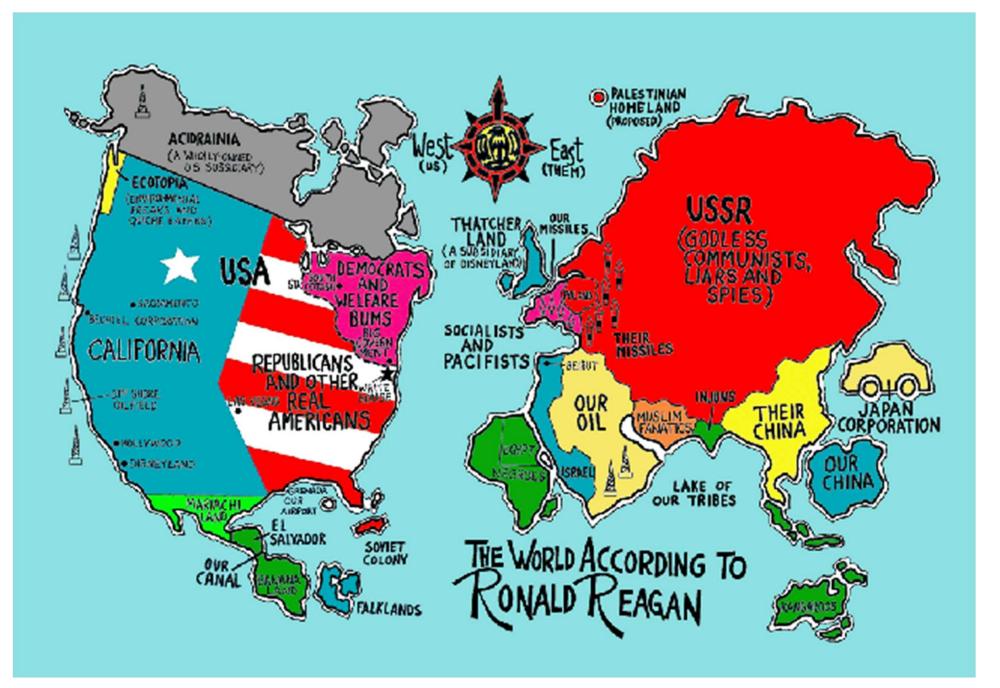
- Impact of World War I
- Rise of authoritarian regimes and its impact in the interwar years
- \*Case study of Nazi Germany
- \* Case study Fascist Japan
- World War II in Europe and the Asia—Pacific
- Reasons for outbreak of WWII in Europe and in Asia-Pacific
- Reasons for the defeat of Germany and Japan

## SYLLABUS FRAMEWORK AND OUTLINE

#### Unit 2 – Bi-Polarity and the Cold War

- Cold War and the bi-polar world order
- Reasons for the Cold War in Europe
- Manifestation of Cold War outside Europe
- \*Case study of Korean War, 1950-53
- \*Case study of Vietnam War, 1955 1975
- Reasons for the end of the Cold War

#### Divided World — 1945 — 1989



## Extension of WWII and Cold War



### Assessment

Table 3.4.5: Assessment Format for O-Level History Elective

Unit 2 –The World in Crisis Unit 3 – Bi-Polarity and The Cold War	
Section A: Source-Based Case Study (30%)	30m
Max of 6 sources	
Q1-5: source-based questions (A01+A03)	
Section B: Structured-Essay Question (20%)	20m
<ul> <li>Answer 1 out of 2 or 3 questions set (A01+A02)</li> </ul>	
Each question will have 2 sub-parts	
Part (a) requires candidates to explain and analyse  [8m]	
Part (b) requires candidates to evaluate and make a judgement [12m]	
Total marks for Paper	50m

## Assessment objectives

#### **Objective 1: Deploy Knowledge**

#### Candidates should be able to:

Recall, select, organise and use historical knowledge in context.

## Objective 2: Construct Explanation and Communicate Historical Knowledge

#### Candidates should be able to demonstrate:

- Their understanding of the past through explanation and analysis of:
  - Key concepts: causation, consequence, continuity, change and significance within a historical context
  - Key features and characteristics of the periods studied and the relationship between them
- Evaluate causation and historical significance to arrive at a reasoned conclusion.

## Assessment objectives

#### **Objective 3: Interpret and Evaluate Source Materials**

Using source materials, candidates should be able to understand, analyse and evaluate:

- a range of <u>source materials</u> as part of an historical enquiry; and
- how aspects of the past have been interpreted and represented in different ways through:
- comprehending and extracting relevant information;
- drawing inferences from given information;
- **comparing and contrasting** different views;
- distinguishing between facts, opinion and judgement;
- recognising values and <u>detecting bias</u>;
- **establishing utility** of given information; and
- **drawing conclusions** based on a reasoned consideration of evidence and arguments.

#### Requirements for taking History

- Enquiry Mindset
- Critical Thinker

Logical and Methodical



Language and Writing Skills

## Q&A



#### Qualities of a History Learner

There are seven qualities of a History learner, which the History syllabuses (from lower secondary to pre-university) aim to develop in students:

Enquiring - Develops an inquisitive mind by asking Reasoned - Constructs Discerning - Reads useful questions for historical interpretation sources critically by uncovering and based on substantiated analysing the validity of understanding the past arguments sources and information beyond face value Methodical - Employs QUALITIES Balanced - Considers and comprehensive effort when OF A acknowledges different engaged in historical enquiry HISTORY viewpoints when constructing by covering a range of LEARNER own historical interpretation sources, selecting and organising knowledge effectively Empathetic – Understands the reasons Knowledgeable - Develops a sound behind past developments without imposing awareness of and familiarity with key forces and personalities that have shaped the international judgement using present day norms and regional landscapes