

Course content: GCSE History



Elizabethan England, c1568-1603

Part one: Elizabeth's court and Parliament

- Elizabeth I and her court
- The difficulties of a female ruler

Part two: Life in Elizabethan times

- A 'Golden Age'
- The poor
- English sailors

Part three: Troubles at home and abroad

- Religious matters
- Mary Queen of Scots
- Conflict with Spain

Part four: The historic environment

- Study of Burghley's Almshouse

The USA 1920-1973: Opportunity and inequality

Part one: American people and the 'boom'

- The 'boom'
- Social and cultural developments of the 1920s
- Divided society: prohibition, racial tension

Part two: Bust - Americans' experiences of the Depression and New Deal

- American society during the Depression
- The effectiveness of the New Deal on different groups in society
- The impact of the Second World War

Part three: Post-war America

- Post-war American society and economy
- Racial tension and developments in the Civil Rights campaign in the 1950s and 1960s
- America and the 'Great Society': including the feminist movements in the 1960s and early 1970s

The Cold War, 1945-1972

Part one: the origins of the Cold War

- Yalta and Potsdam Conferences, the division of Germany, contrasting ideologies of the USA and the USSR, effect of the dropping of the atom bomb.
- Soviet expansion in East Europe, the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan, Cominform, Comecon.
- The Berlin Blockade and Airlift.

Part two: the development of the Cold War

- Events in Asia: Communist revolution in China, Korean war, Vietnam war.
- The arms race, NATO and the Warsaw Pact, the space race.
- Hungary, the U2 Crisis and its effects on the Paris Peace Summit and the peace process.

Part three: Transformation of the Cold War

- Berlin Wall.
- Cuban revolution, Bay of Pigs, Cuban Missile Crisis.
- Czechoslovakia: Dubcek and the Prague Spring.
- Easing of tension: Détente.

Power and the People: c1170 to the present day

Part one: Challenging authority and feudalism

- Magna Carta, its terms and its short and long-term impact.
- The origins of parliament: the Provisions of Oxford.
- The Peasants' Revolt.

Part two: Challenging royal authority

- The Pilgrimage of Grace.
- The English Revolution; including the trial and execution of Charles I.
- The American Revolution.

Part three: Reform and reformers

- The Great Reform Act, Chartism.
- Protest and change: including the Anti-Slavery movement; the Anti-Corn Law League; factory reformers; social reformers.
- Trade unionism and its impact.

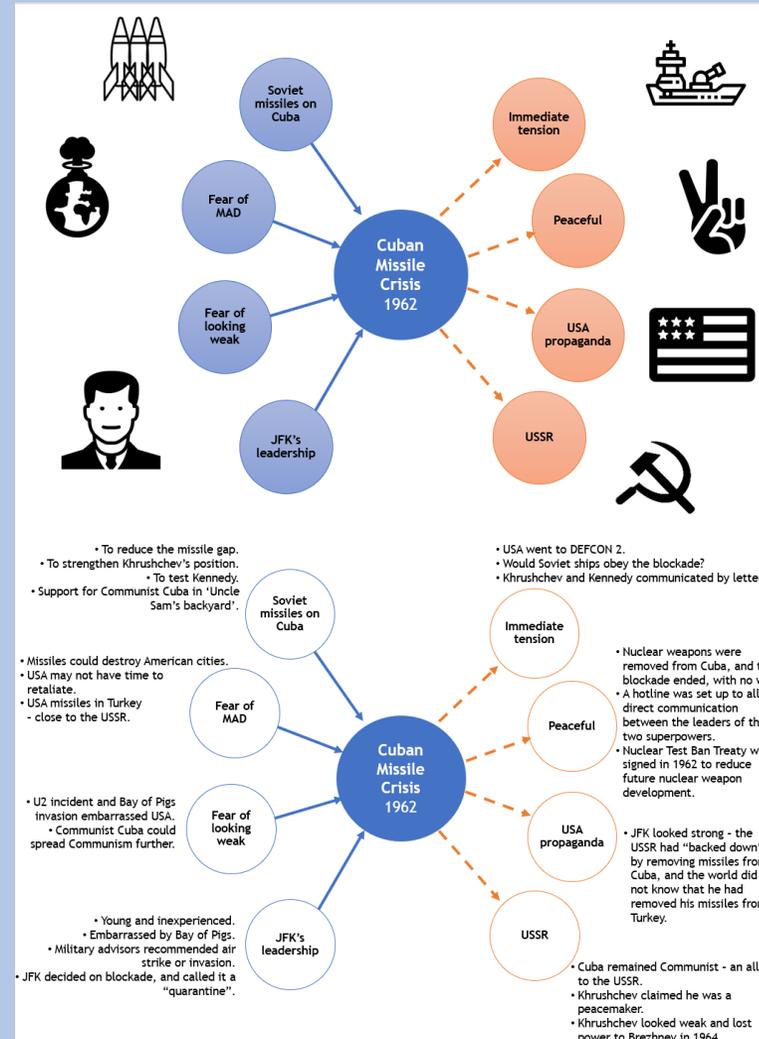
Part four: Equality and rights

- The campaign for women's suffrage.
- Workers' rights: the General Strike (1926), trade union reform.
- Minority rights: the development of multi-racial society since the Second World War.



Course materials

In GCSE classes, pupils are provided with **info sheets** to study, annotate and stick into their books. These are bespoke resources created by our teachers, relevant for our course. These sheets contain all of the essential information that pupils need for each topic. Pupils are expected to glue these into their books with pride, and to refer back to them when revisiting topics or revising later in the course.



All course materials, including the info sheets, are saved into the class area of **Microsoft Teams**.

Pupils are encouraged to use these when working from home, and when revising.



Revision guides:

There is **no expectation** that pupils purchase a revision guide. The materials that we print for pupils throughout the course are sufficient. However, many pupils do prefer to have a published revision guide which they can take pride in.

If you would like to purchase a published revision guide, then we recommend: '**My revision notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) History**', **second edition**, published by Hodder, by Jenner, Ferriby, Beale, Bones, Fletcher and James. This guide covers our entire course (plus options that we do not study).

Available here and elsewhere:

[https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/history/products/14-16/my-revision-notes-aqa-gcse-\(9-1\)-history,-second](https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/history/products/14-16/my-revision-notes-aqa-gcse-(9-1)-history,-second)

An alternative option for those who prefer the layout is **CGP guides** who have recently released high-quality revision guides for most, but not all, of our course. They can be purchased direct from CGP at www.cgpbooks.co.uk.

If purchasing these, you must ensure you select AQA GCSE History, and then the guides for:

- Elizabethan England,
- America 1920-1973 and
- Conflict and Tension between East and West, 1945-1972.

