

Supporting Your Learner

National 5

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Course Outline

The National 5 History Course is divided into three units:

Scottish Unit: Mary, Queen of Scots and the Reformation.

British Unit: Changing Britain 1760-1914

European and World Unit: The Rise of the Nazis; Germany 1918-1939

Pupils will complete an Assignment which will account for 25% of their overall grade. Candidates will also undertake a final SQA exam which will be comprised of knowledge and source based questions on these three areas of study

National 5 candidates should aim to carry out regular independent research on issues as they arise in the course and should also complete careful revision throughout the year.



Exam Preparation

As the National 5 History exam approaches, pupils should carry out as much timed practise of exam questions as possible, as well as increasing the volume of revision they complete. Source analysis questions and knowledge questions both require strict time management and pupils should be encouraged to practise under timed conditions. The History exam is broken up into three sections each worth 20 marks. 35 minutes is allocated to each 20 mark section and pupils should help prepare by practising past paper questions under timed conditions. Pupils will have the opportunity to carry out exam practise in class also.

Useful Websites

<http://spartacus-educational.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z2phvcw>

<http://www.brightredbooks.net/subjects/n5> (requires registering; use your edubuzz account)

Useful Textbooks

John Guy; "My Heart is My Own", Biography of Mary, Queen of Scots

Revision Classes

Currently revision classes are offered on a Wednesday afternoon from 13.30-14.00 in M7 with Miss Anderson. Both Miss Anderson and Miss McPhee are available to answer queries before registration.



SQA Past Papers

This link will take you to the home page for SQA Past Papers. [SQA Past Papers](#)

Understanding Standards

This link takes you to other useful SQA documents including Understanding Standards. [SQA Useful Links](#)

