

Supporting Your Learner

Advanced Higher

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Course Outline

The course consists of two Units: *Historical Study* (Advanced Higher), and *Researching Historical Issues* (Advanced Higher). The topic of study is Scotland: Independence and Kingship 1249-1334.

Candidates will complete a dissertation which will account for 36% of their overall grade. The topic for this dissertation will be chosen by the candidate but must be an issue related to the course content. Candidates will also undertake a final SQA exam which will include answering two essay questions (25 marks each) from a choice of five and three source based questions.

Advanced Higher candidates must carry out regular independent research throughout the course and should also complete careful revision throughout the year.



Exam Preparation

Candidates must be prepared to read widely around the topics studied in class. They must read contemporary sources including the fourteenth century chronicles and they should consider the views of modern historians. An appreciation for the historiography of this topic is essential in order to be successful at Advanced Higher. Candidates should regularly practice exam type questions and should start to time themselves completing the tasks under exam conditions.

Useful Websites

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48466.html>
<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/scotlandshistory/>
<http://spartacus-educational.com/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zpnnb9q>

Useful Textbooks

The Wars of Scotland – Michael Brown
The Scottish Civil War – Michael Penman
Freedom’s Sword – Peter Traguair
Edward I – Michael Prestwich
Robert the Bruce, King of Scots – Michael Penman
The Balliol Dynasty 1210-1364 – Amanda Beam

Revision Classes

Monday – Thursday mornings from 8am until registration by arrangement only.



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](#)

