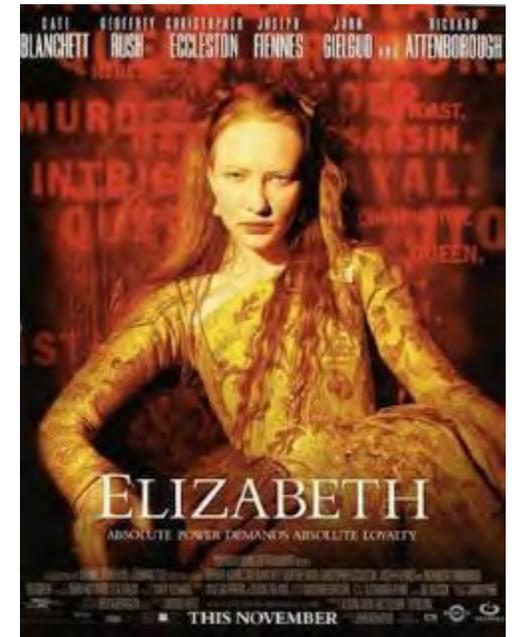




GCSE History at AGGS

A great course with something for everyone



Year 9 Options Evening

Why should I study GCSE History?

Just a few of the key points

History is recognised as a **strong academic subject** and as such elicits a high degree of respect from university admissions tutors.

The analytical and communication skills gained are extremely transferable, and are acknowledged to be of value in a wide range of studies and professions.

The GCSE forms an appropriate basis for those continuing with History at A-Level and beyond; such students often go into **business, accountancy, the law, teaching** and a wide range of **other careers**.

So how is GCSE History so useful?

You will learn about people

How they interact, the motives and emotions that can tear people apart into rival factions or help them to work together for a common cause (**useful knowledge for team-building at work!**)

You will learn about countries, societies and cultures

So many of today's conflicts and alliances have their roots in the past. You can understand the news better, or report on a country if you know nothing of its history.

You will learn to locate a

Identify truth and recognise bias.

You will learn to present v

Whether in graphs, essays or presentations.

You will develop skills by learning about fascinating periods of History:

- Causes of World War II
- Life in Hitler's Germany
- The reign of Elizabeth I
- Medicine through the ages.

Again, key tran

modern world of work.

Understanding of current affairs



You have already developed the key skills in Years 7-9 in the form of...

- **essays**
- **source work assessments**
- **posters**
- **letters**
- **newspaper reports**
- **diary entries**
- **group work tasks and presentations**
- **research tasks**



And all the Key Stage 3 assessments that you have done are in the same style and format as those on the GCSE exam. You already have the examination skills in order to access the GCSE course.

Meaning that you are well on the way to securing a great GCSE grade

All you need to do is consolidate your skills and learn the new exciting content material

GCSE History is not all about writing long essays

The examination papers contain questions that are worth 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 20 marks

Students are also required to analyse visual images

Career Possibilities

History is studied by those contemplating a range of careers, from law, journalism, politics, television and business - the list is endless!

The vast array of skills that you will develop whilst studying GCSE History will open a huge range of careers to you.



Accountancy



Banking



Journalists and editors



Solicitors and barristers



Medicine or related careers



Police force



AQA GCSE History

Course content and structure

2 Examination papers

Both to be sat at the end of Year 11

No Controlled Assessment

Paper 1

Germany 1890-1945

Conflict and tension (causes of WWII) 1918-1939

50% of the final grade

Paper 2

Health and the People c1000 to the present day

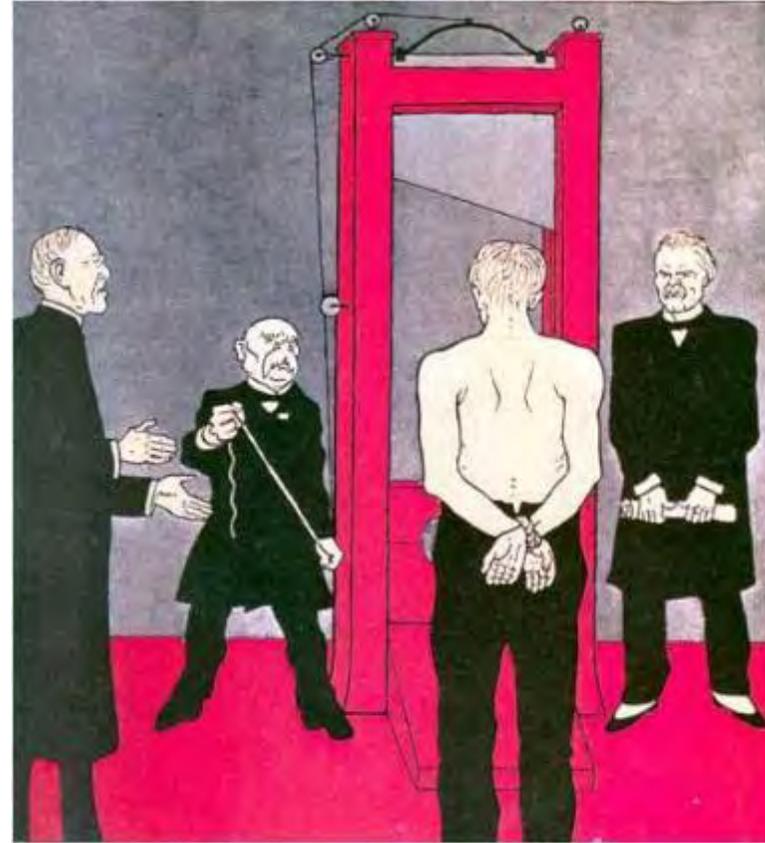
Elizabethan England 1558-1603 (including a site visit)

50% of the final grade



Paper 1

Causes of World War Two



Germany was punished too harshly after WWI-she wanted revenge

Causes of World War Two

The unopposed invasion of Austria in 1938



"GERMANY SHALL NEVER BE ENCIRCLED."

Germany expanded unopposed! How did they get away with it?

Germany, 1890-1945

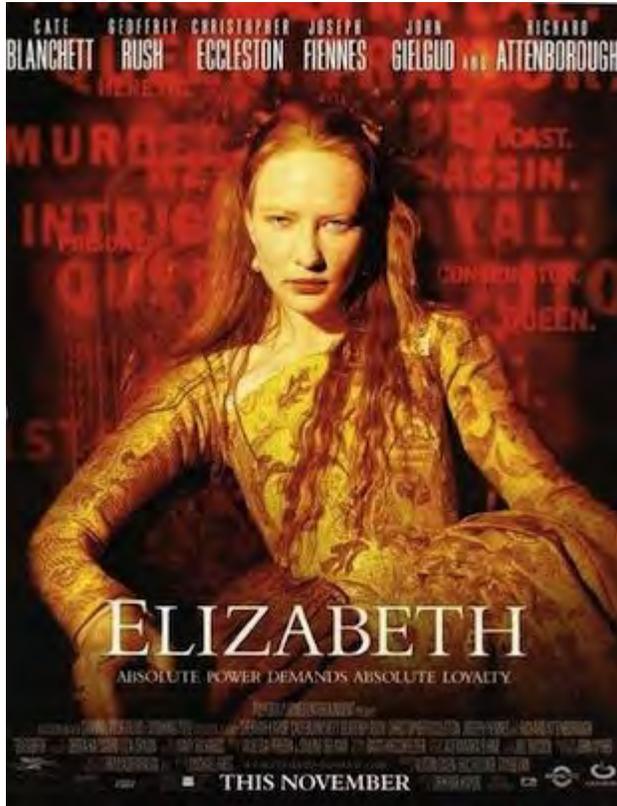


Why were children playing with money in the 1920s?



How and why did this man become so popular and powerful in 1930s Germany?

The reign of Elizabeth 1



Elizabeth I and the problem of marriage

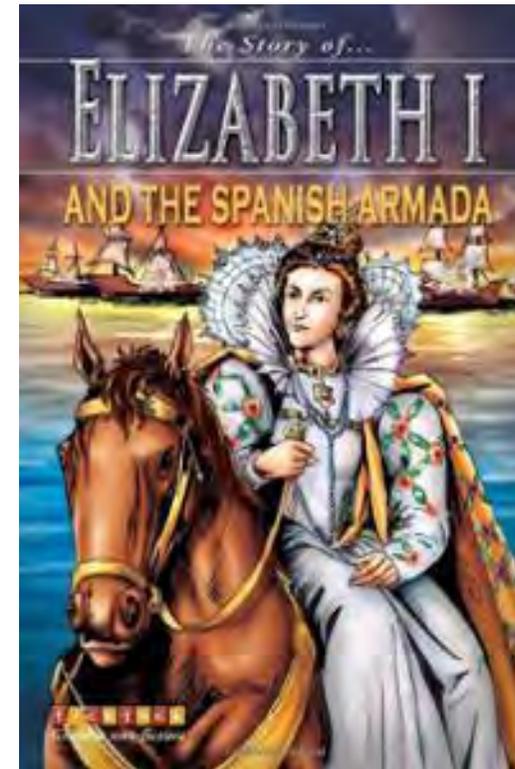


The age of English global exploration





The problem of Mary Queen of Scots



- Catholic threats
- Phillip II
- The Spanish Armada of 1588

How did Elizabeth survive?

The new Mary Queen of Scots film is relevant to the GCSE course



The reign of Elizabeth 1

(including a site visit and plenty of films to watch)



**The Globe Theatre
Summer term 2018**



21st century health



Why did it take so long for health and medicine to improve?

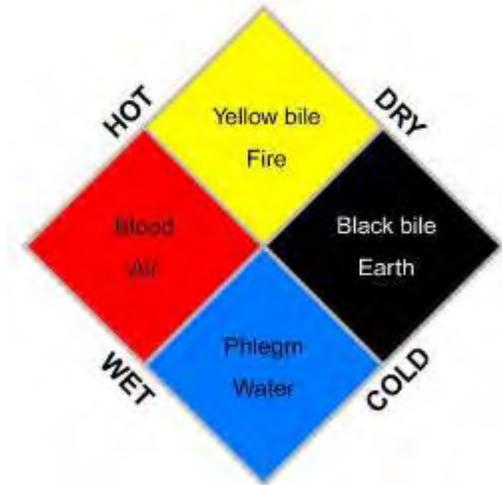
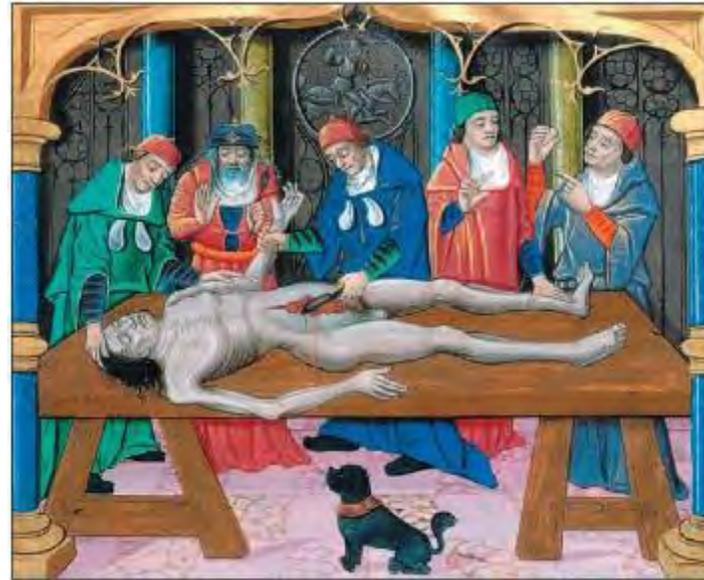
Health and the People



Why do we have a plague out
the middle ages and the severe

The real cause was unknown

Why did it scientists and doctors take so long to understand the real cause of disease?



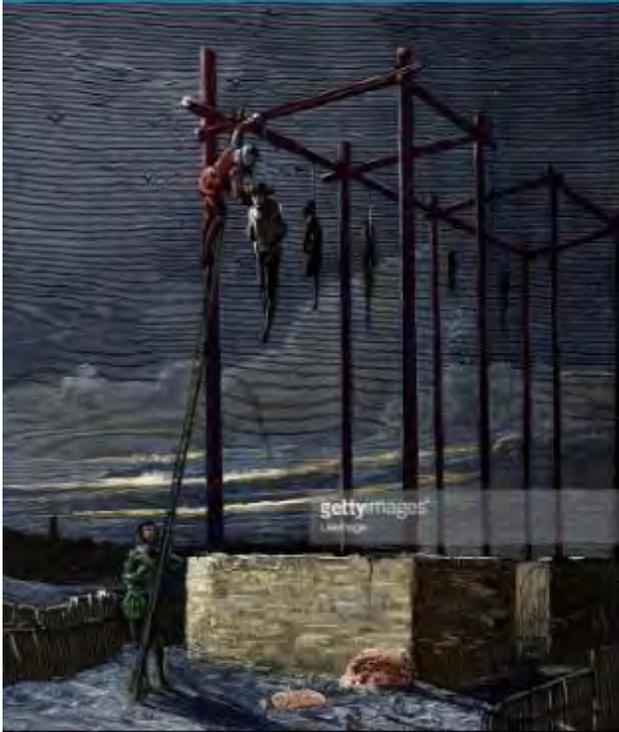
Lack of knowledge meant lack of progress

And lots of pain, trauma and death



The fascinating story of how and when things improve

Individuals, Government, War, Technology and Chance



**Rather than being about science,
it is how, why and when things improved**



The interesting story of how anaesthetics were developed

**It won't put
you to sleep**



Plenty of help and support

Weekly GCSE drop-in sessions throughout the 2 years

Formal revision sessions in Year 11

2 AQA examiners in the department



Help from our Sixth Form Student Ambassadors

Plenty of revision ideas, notes and booklets on the pupil area.

Thackray Museum



Kenilworth Castle

Elizabethan England site study



Trips



Berlin October 2019

October 2020

Trips



Washington and New York

Washington



New York



Consistently high percentage of 9-8 (A*) grades

Year	9-8
2019	59.5%
2018	55.9%

Year	A*
2017	48.4%
2016	41.7%
2015	52.1%
2014	52.7%

Strong academic subject

Valued by universities and employers

Transferable skills

Appropriate for several careers such as business, accountancy, law and medicine

Fascinating topics

Causes of the Second World War

Life in Hitler's Germany

Elizabethan England

Health and the People

Benefits of GCSE history

Summary

Great results

2016-82% A*-A

2017-83% A*-A

2018-84% Grade 9-7

A-Level is also very popular

Tudor England

The English Civil War

The American Dream

The Russian Revolution

Assessed through a variety of written tasks

A combination of 4, 6,8, 10, 12, 16 and 20 mark questions

Any questions?