



GCSE History



Task	Details	Points
Weimar & Nazi Germany	Research and write a 300 word account on the Holocaust denier, David Irving. Use this link as a starting point: Holocaust Trial Your account must define what historical negationism (denial) is, explain the outcome of the famous <i>Irving v Penguin Books</i> libel trial, and explain why historians must use rigorous, evidence-based research to debunk misinformation.	5pts
Medicine through time	Research and write a 300 word account on the development of plastic surgery during WW1. Use this link as a starting point: WW1 and plastic surgery Make sure you explicitly mention the surgical breakthroughs developed by Dr. Harold Gillies at the Queen's Hospital.	5pts
Elizabethan England	Research and write a 300 word account on life in Elizabethan England. Your summary should cover the social hierarchy of the era (from the gentry to the labouring poor) and explain how ordinary people's daily lives were affected by at least two major themes, such as popular entertainment, poverty laws, or religious changes.	5pts
Elizabethan England	Research and write a 300 word account on William Cecil, Elizabeth 1st adviser. Use this link as a starting point: Your guide to William Cecil, chief adviser to Queen Elizabeth I Make sure you include why his intelligence and spy network were crucial to maintaining Elizabeth's throne.	5pts

Medicine through time	Watch the following 9 videos on medicine through time. Write a review about the key individuals. Medieval Medicine Secondary History - Medicine Through Time Your review must track at least 3 individuals across different eras (e.g., Galen, Vesalius, Jenner). For each person, you must explain the specific medical theory they challenged, the discovery they made, and how far their ideas were accepted during their own lifetime.	10pts
Elizabethan England	Choose 3 portraits from the reign of Elizabeth 1st. Explain what each portrait shows and why portraits were so important to Tudor monarchs. For each of your 3 chosen portraits, you must identify at least 3 specific visual clues (e.g., clothing, posture, objects, animals) and explain how the monarchy used this political imagery to project messages of power, stability, youth, or religious authority across the kingdom.	10pts
History Hit	Watch 3 videos from History Hit - YouTube. Write a review about each one. Each of the 3 reviews must outline the main historical question or debate discussed in the video, highlight two pieces of primary evidence used by the presenter, and evaluate how effectively the video helped you understand that specific topic.	15 pts
Cold War	Visit the Cold War webpage and complete 3 of the activities. Complete the tasks embedded in the activities Cold War - The National Archives You must provide completed answers to the 3 chosen activities, showing that you can evaluate original declassified documents. Your answers must explicitly discuss how the tone, perspective, or origin of the documents changes how reliable they are to a historian.	15pts
Weimar & Nazi Germany	Visit the Holocaust Exhibition, Imperial War Museum, London. Take photographs of the 5 most impactful exhibits and explain why you took them. For each of the 5 photographs, write an analytical reflection that explains the historical context of the item, how it fits into the broader timeline of Nazi persecution, and how personal artifacts help us understand the human scale of the Holocaust.	20pts
Medicine through time	Visit the Old Operating Theatre, London, and write a 500 word account about the history of surgery	20pts

	Your account must use proper medical terminology to explain what a pre-anaesthetic, pre-antiseptic surgery was like. It must evaluate how the architectural layout of the theatre itself reflects the medical understanding of the 19th century, and outline the major obstacles early surgeons faced.	
Medicine through time	Read the book "<i>The Butchering Art: Joseph Lister's Quest to Transform the Grisly World of Victorian Medicine</i>" by Lindsey Fitzharris. Write a 500 word summary of your findings. It should trace the development of antiseptic surgery. It must explain the widespread resistance Lister faced from the medical establishment, how his work built upon Louis Pasteur's Germ Theory, and how his discoveries fundamentally lowered hospital death rates.	20pts
Medicine through time	Read the book "<i>The Facemaker: One Surgeon's Battle to Mend the Disfigured Soldiers of World War I</i>" by Lindsey Fitzharris. Write a 500 word summary of your findings. Your summary must analyse how modern, industrial trench warfare outpaced early 20th-century medicine. It must explain the specific surgical, psychological, and dental techniques pioneered by Harold Gillies, and evaluate how his work changed society's perspective on wounded veterans.	20pts