

## History 13+

The History paper is source-based and therefore there is no strict syllabus as such. However, the topics will all be Modern World. In the last few years, papers have been set on World War I, World War II and Nazi Germany.

There are several skills being tested:

1. Inferences from sources. Pupils should be able to read into sources and not simply paraphrase them in their own words. For example if a source refers to an RAF pilot losing a friend during WWII, a reasonable inference would be that the pilots morale would be affected.
2. Cross referencing of sources. Pupils should be able to identify agreements and disagreements when comparing two or more sources.
3. Utility of sources. Pupils should be able to identify for example, when a source is a piece of propaganda. They should use the nature, origin and purpose of the source in order to assess its utility. Pupils who take the line – ‘the source is useful because of what it tells me’ will not be well rewarded.
4. Analysis of sources. Pupils will be required to construct an argument based on all sources given. This will usually take the form of a statement which pupils need to argue for and against. Some sources will agree with the statement, and pupils must be able to identify an alternative argument also.

Pupils will not have to possess specific own knowledge and candidates who use their own knowledge instead of answering the source question set will lose marks. Any terms which a pupil may not know will be defined at the top of the source paper.

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