

Choosing history at 14: a student's guide



10 GOOD
reasons why
you should take

GCSE History



1. Do employers value History?

- **In this rapidly changing world employers want people who are:**
 - Able to think for themselves.
 - Open-minded.
 - Disciplined.
 - Good at problem solving.
 - Able to pick out the important things.
- The skills that are taught within the subject are very useful in work, study and life.



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History is not all about museums you know!....

- What can I do with a history qualification?

Had you thought about....

Accountancy

Tourism

Law

Politics

Town Planning

Medicine

Journalism



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They want...

people who
have
studied



History



2. Learn more about the world around you. With a History GCSE you will be able to:

- Use information to help you solve a problem or issue at home or at work.
- Weigh up the evidence carefully before making decisions. You don't take everything at face-value – you listen to both sides of the story.
- Make good decisions based on the evidence.



3. The Beauty of History is...

- That it's your opinion that counts!



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**YOU ARE
TAUGHT TO
THINK AND
THEN
MAKE UP
YOUR OWN
MIND !!!**



4. How have other people made a history qualification work for them?



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Dermot Murnaghan: Journalist and Presenter.



Diane Abbott: MP and First Black Female Cabinet Minister.



Jonathan Ross: Journalist and Presenter



Sacha Baron Cohen: Comedian



Is it coz I
is a
Historian
?



Shakira – Pop Star



And even a Prime Minister – Gordon Brown



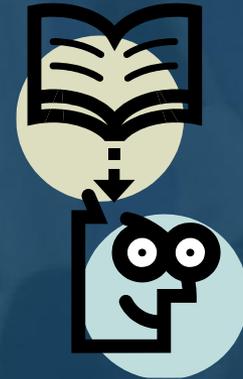
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Of course, history wasn't the only thing that ensured the success of these people, but certainly the life skills gained from the subject would have played a big part!



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So what do students actually do in history lessons?



5. History will encourage your love of reading.



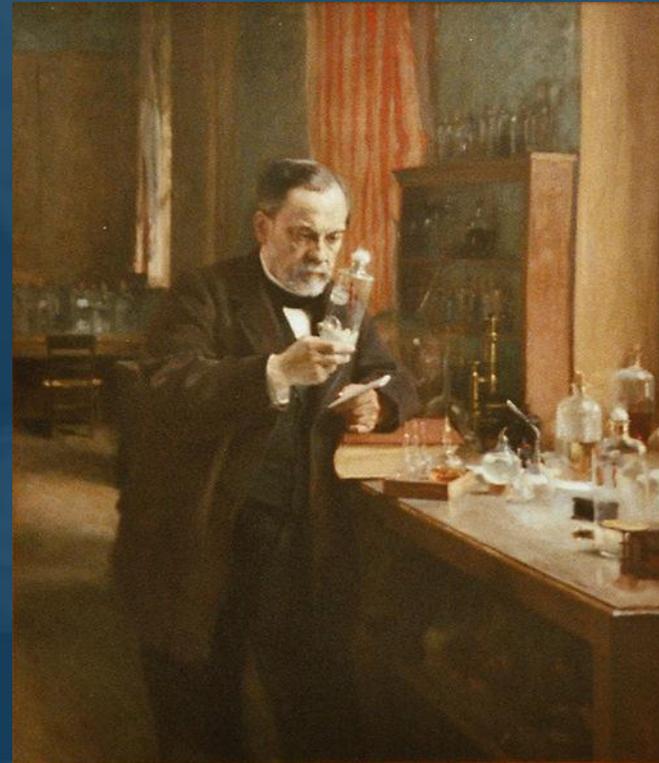
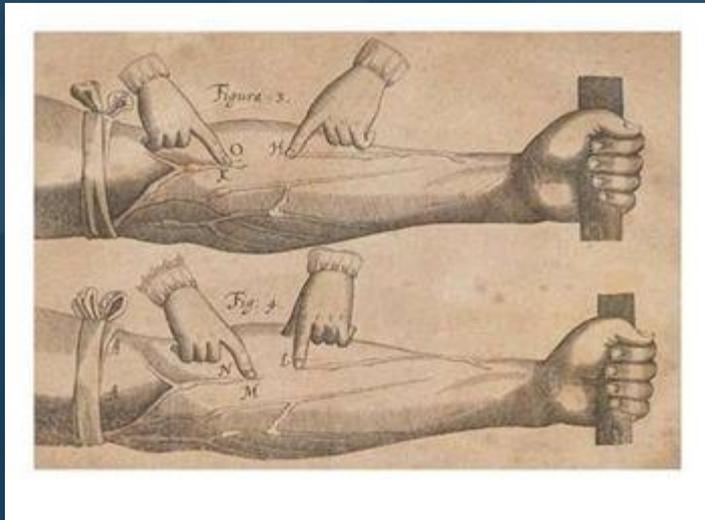
6. But History is a vast subject What will I study?



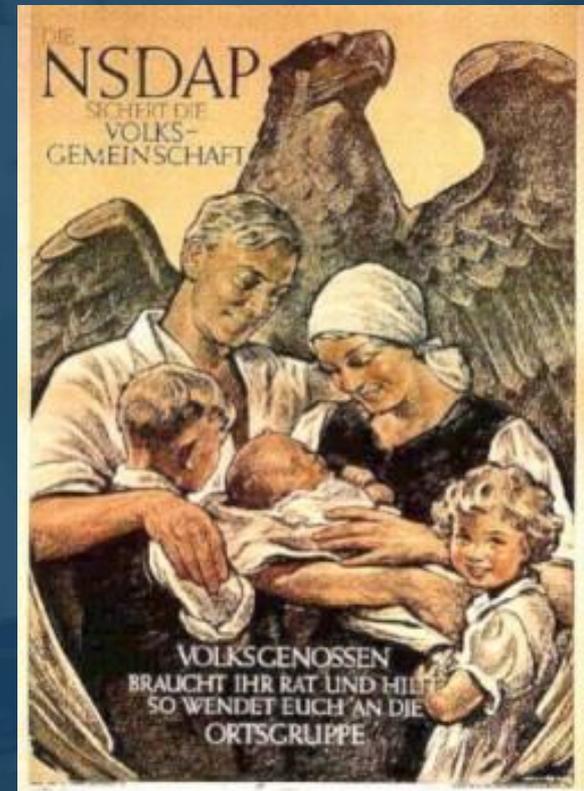
7. You will study the American West



8. You will study how medicine developed over time



9. You will study Weimar and Nazi Germany



10. You will study an aspect of British history: Anglo-Saxons and Normans



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Are you beginning to think



**this subject
is for**

you?



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Are you



Curious? Do you like finding the reasons why something might have happened?

prepared to become an investigator and research topics for yourself?



Does it



excite you to think that you could solve problems that have puzzled people in the past?



Do you



like to form your own opinions, even if they might be different from those of your friends - or teachers?



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Are you



prepared to stand your ground and argue your case if you have enough evidence to back up your argument?

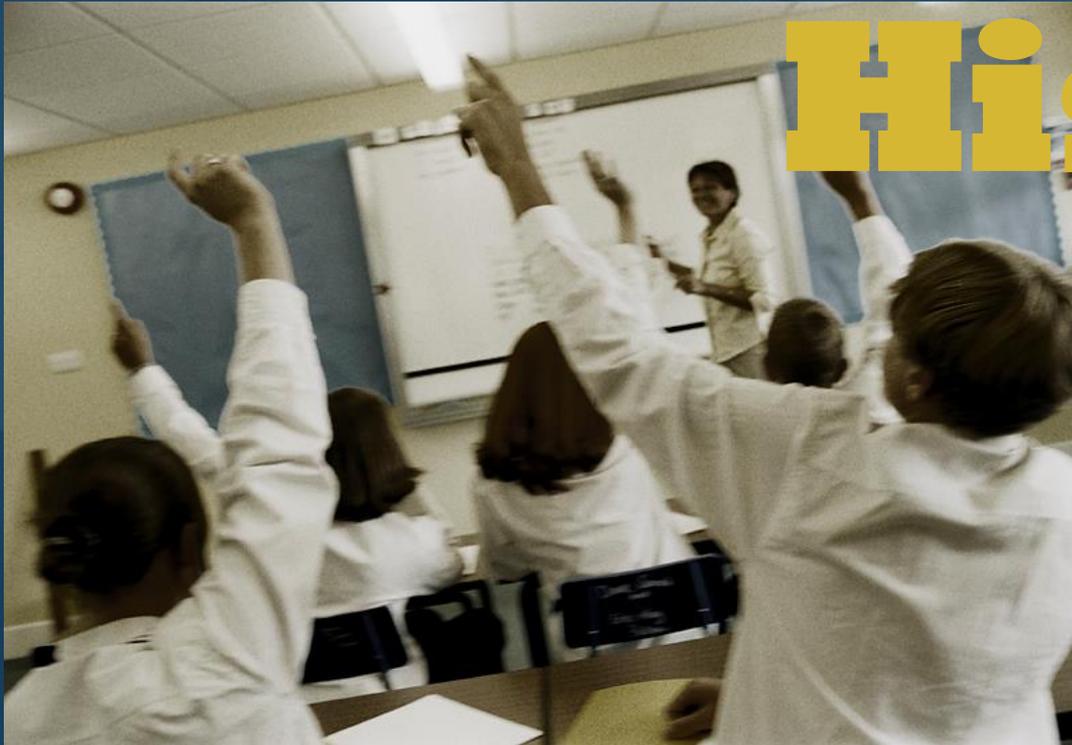


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Well, **GCSE**

History

is.....



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Hard but rewarding work.
Interesting!
Study of real people in a living past!
Topical!
Of real value in employment!
Relevant!
Y makes us ask why, why, why!



Remember...

History is a useful – a vital – subject but...
to do your best you must enjoy your study.

Don't take history because you feel
you ought to...

but because you want to!



Studying the past



may just
brighten

**your
future!**

