

# YEAR 11 HISTORY

## Course Outline 2010

### Course Structure

Students will attempt **six** Achievement Standards, **two** internally assessed, and **four** externally examined. Each Standard is worth 4 credits making a total of 24.

For the examination there are more than a dozen prescribed Topics, grouped in Themes, from which each school will select an appropriate range to allow students to meet the standards. There are restrictions on which topics can be used for a particular standard. For example, A.S. 1.6 below can only be answered with a NZ topic. Students will be advised how to relate topics to standards. Internally-assessed topics are at the discretion of the School.

#### Year 11 History Achievement Standards

1.1	Carry out an historical investigation (Internal)	Research Project
1.2	Communicate historical ideas (Internal)	Research Project
1.3	Interpret historical sources (External)	Resource Questions
1.4	Describe the perspectives of people in an historical setting (External)	Paragraphs
1.5	Describe the impact of a development in an historical setting (External)	Essay
1.6	Describe the identity of people(s) in a New Zealand historical setting (External)	Paragraphs

#### Special Studies – Internally-Assessed Standards 1.1, 1.2

You will have one opportunity to achieve these standards during the year, but you will complete a practice study in class prior to the final assessment. This will show you how to meet the standards. Our intention is to complete the internals before the end of Term 2, so we can concentrate on exam preparation in the rest of the year. Assignments will be marked in common by your teachers across all classes to ensure comparability between classes. The assignment will incorporate **both** internal standards. Be aware that to gain a particular level within the standard you must gain that level in **all** parts of the assignment relating to that standard—there is no averaging. No aegrotats are provided for internal standards.

Deadlines must be met as the School's policy on internally-assessed work will be rigidly enforced. Make sure you work steadily on your assignments because work actually completed must be submitted and will be taken into account at the time a request for an extension is made under the policy. If you leave all your work to the last few days and then face an unexpected difficulty you will probably not get an extension.

**Computer and printer breakdowns are not acceptable excuses.** Always keep an up-to-date back-up on floppy disc or CD, which you can deliver by the deadline. In the case of printing problems, bring the finished work on disc and print at school. We recommend saving in MS Word or a textfile, which can be opened at school.

You will be required to sign a document stating that the assignment is **your own original work**. Any form of cheating will result in no credit for the ASs attempted.

**Extensions** of the time given for an assignment may be granted in exceptional circumstances. Any request for an extension in History must be made in writing, signed by a parent or guardian, accompanied by evidence of work completed, and arrive before the deadline for the assignment. Requests must be made as early as practicable – when you first know there is a problem. School trips or other absences which are known at the start of the assignment will only be considered if the number of days missed exceeds one third of the time set for the assignment (including holidays). Illness occurring more than 5 days prior to the due date will be treated similarly and a doctor's certificate will normally be required. Meeting these criteria is not a guarantee of an extension. Extended deadlines must be met for work to be accepted.



## Guidelines

**All work for marking will be handed in on A4 paper**, on one side of the paper only, stapled or clipped together, and with your name in the top right hand corner of the front page. The only exceptions to this requirement will be where an assignment specifically states a different format, such as a poster. **You must make and keep a copy of your work** in case of accident, and for your own reference, as much of your work has to be kept by the Department and may not be returned. (You will receive a separate copy of marks and comments in such cases.) **Do not hand in work in clear-files or folders.**

**Deadlines.** You must meet the deadlines set. There is a strict school-wide policy for internally-assessed assignments. The main assessments have been detailed to allow you to plan your workload. One of the key skills you must develop is organising your work schedules to meet these deadlines.

**All work must be your own.** Substantial penalties will be imposed for plagiarism or other cheating.

**Students must bring to class all books, resources and notes relevant to the current topic**, e.g. Origins of WWII 1919-41, and a working set of equipment. This is a courtesy to both your teachers and your fellow students to ensure you can play a full part in class activities and avoid wasting class time.

**Like other Year 11 subjects, this is a demanding course which is a significant step up from Year 10.** It is essential that you keep up with all set work and reading. Failure to do this undermines the class team and seriously harms your own chances. If you do not understand any part of your work ask your teacher before your marks are affected. Don't just ignore difficult tasks. **If you interrupt or delay the class through failure to complete work or come prepared, you may be asked to go to another class for the remainder of that period or until all work is up-to-date.**

**Discussion is a crucial part of the course.** This requires good manners, self-discipline, concentration, and intelligent listening. If you do not already possess these qualities you will be encouraged to develop them.

**Organisation of your work is part of the overall course assessment.** Your assignments and notes must be legible, neat and arranged according to a clear, appropriate pattern. You must keep all work, not retained by your teacher, until the end of the year. It must be available for inspection at 24 hours notice.

**Text books are issued only for the duration of the relevant topic.** As each set is shared by 2-3 classes books must be returned on the date specified by the teacher. No student will be issued with the text for a new topic until the previous book has been returned. This is another reason for making and keeping good notes while the text is available, as these will be the basis for exam preparation.

**Entry to Year 12 in History or Classics** will require 12 credits in Level 1 History, including at least 4 internal and 4 external credits.

We hope you have a successful year in tackling the first level of the NCEA. The standards are achievable if you are willing to work consistently.

D Burrowes    M Drury    P Wyatt

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