

Modern History

The Stage 6 Modern History course challenges students to consider the great social, technological, economic, political and moral transformations of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries that have made our world what it is. It requires students to analyse the causes, progress and effects of these transformations and, finally, to make judgments about them. Furthermore, Modern History is especially relevant to the lives of students as the events and issues that form its content are, in many cases, still current.

The study of Modern History also contributes to the development of skills that are of great importance in today's competitive workforce. The fluent communication of thoughts and ideas gleaned from critical analysis of primary and secondary sources is a sought-after skill in today's modern world. The ability to deconstruct texts and narratives, pose intelligent questions, test hypotheses and make critical use of information technologies is essential to living and working in the twenty-first century.

Why study Modern History?

Students who study Modern History can gain a broader understanding of how their present world has emerged, as well as developing their written and evaluation skills. This is an excellent preparation for a range of university courses.

What do I learn in Modern History?

In the Year 11 Preliminary course, students may study topics such as the American Civil War, the Boxer Rebellion, Tibet and China, an Independent Research task and World War One.

In the Year 12 HSC course students may study topics that could include Nazi Germany, USA 1919-1941, China from the Cultural Revolution to Tiananmen Square and Conflict in Europe (World War II)

See the NESA Modern History syllabus on the website below for more information.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/hsie/modern-history-2017>