What will I study?

There are three topics:-

Unit 1: Scotland and the Great War. Learn about Scottish soldiers fighting in the trenches, Scottish girls working in the munitions factories, the effect of the war on ordinary people and the impact on heavy industries.

Unit 2: The Making of Modern Britain. Learn about life in the workhouse, the changes made by the Liberal government to help the poor and how the welfare state was set up after World War 2.

Unit 3: The USA 1850-1880. Learn about how the USA opened up to settlers such as goldminers and homestead farmers, and how this destroyed the Native Indians' way of life. Also learn about slave life on Southern plantations, the outbreak of Civil War and changes

What skills will I develop?

Questions are divided into knowledge and understanding and source handling. You will learn about what happened in the past and how to explain and analyse these events.

You will also learn to think critically about the sources of evidence used by historians. The assignment is on a topic of your own choice. You write an extended answer in class with the help of a plan.

How will I be assessed?

National 5 pupils complete an assignment in school and sit a final exam. Both of these are sent away to be marked.

National 3 and 4 units are assessed in school by your class teacher. National 4 pupils also complete a project of their own choice. This is completed in school and marked by your teacher.

What can I go on and study in fifth and sixth year?

National 3 → National 4 History
National 4 → National 4 Geography
or Modern Studies, National 5
History, Scottish Studies SCQF 5
National 5 → Higher History or
another social subject at Nat 5 level.
Possibly Higher Modern Studies or
Geography, although you would
need to discuss this with Mrs Reid



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