

Comparison guide for Cambridge Pre-U History 9769

Cambridge Pre-U History 9769 (published in January 2020, for first examination from 2022)

Cambridge International AS & A Level History 9489

OCR AS/A Level GCE History A H505

Introduction

Cambridge International has mapped the assessment objectives, methodology of assessment and topics of Cambridge Pre-U History 9769 (to be published in January 2020) to Cambridge International AS & A Level 9489 and OCR AS/A Level GCE History H505 for examination in 2022. When comparing the topics, the expressions below have been used to give an indication of overlap between the syllabuses:

- Topic **coverage is similar**. Differences are stated.
- There is **limited similarities only** in terms of some topics.
- There are **limited similarities in some** topics.
- This topic is **not covered** in this syllabus.

Brief summary

All three syllabuses:

- develop learners' ability to communicate effectively and accurately in writing
- develop transferable higher order skills including reasoning, understanding, analysis, interpretation and evaluation
- have requirements for essays: OCR has a compulsory themes paper, a paper combining essay and documents and shorter questions, which Cambridge Pre-U does not have. OCR and Cambridge International have a specific question on interpretations which Cambridge Pre-U does not have.

Cambridge Pre-U and OCR have coursework which Cambridge International does not have.

Assessment objectives

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AO1 Recall, select and deploy historical knowledge appropriately.	AO1 Recall, select and deploy historical knowledge appropriately and effectively.	AO1 Demonstrate, organise and communicate knowledge and understanding to analyse and evaluate the key features related to the periods studied, making substantiated judgements and exploring concepts, as relevant, of cause, consequence, change, continuity, similarity, difference and significance.
AO2 Showing understanding of appropriate concepts, investigate and respond to historical questions clearly and persuasively using an appropriate coherent structure to reach a substantiated and sustained judgement.	AO2 Demonstrate an understanding of the past through explanation analysis and a substantiated judgement of key concepts: causation, continuity, change and significance within an historical context, the relationship between key features and characteristics of the periods studied.	AO2 Analyse and evaluate appropriate source materials, primary and/or contemporary to the period, within its historical context.
AO3 Analyse, interpret and evaluate source material and/or interpretations of the historical events studied.	AO3 Analyse, evaluate and interpret a range of appropriate source material.	AO3 Analyse and evaluate, in relation to the historical context, different ways in which aspects of the past have been interpreted.
	AO4 Analyse and evaluate how aspects of the past have been interpreted and represented.	

Methodology of assessment

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Assessment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Papers 1–4 – candidate take 2 papers – 2 hours 15 minutes each Paper 5 – 2 hours Paper 6 – Personal investigation – coursework based on research investigation <p>All components are externally assessed</p>	<p>AS Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 – 1 hour 15 minutes Paper 2 – 1 hour 45 minutes <p>A Level – staged over 2 years</p> <p><u>Year 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 (1 hour 15 minutes) plus Paper 2 (1 hour 45 minutes) <p><u>Year 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 3 (1 hour 15 minutes) plus Paper 4 (1 hour 45 minutes) <p>A Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 – 1 hour 15 minutes Paper 2 – 1 hour 45 minutes Paper 3 – 1 hour 15 minutes Paper 4 – 1 hour 45 minutes <p>All components are externally assessed</p>	<p>AS Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component 1 – 1 hour 30 minutes Component 2 – 1 hour 30 minutes <p>A Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component 1 – 1 hour 30 minutes Component 2 – 1 hour Component 3 – 2 hours 30 minutes Component 4 – non-exam internal assessment <p>All other components externally assessed</p>

Topics

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British History		
British History c.300–c.1399	This topic is not covered.	<p>Topic coverage is similar, but the range is more limited. The following are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the OCR AS/A Level GCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Early Anglo-Saxons c 400–800 • English government and the Church 1066–1216 • Alfred the Great; Anglo Saxon England and the Norman Conquest 1035–1107; England 1199–1272 • The Wars of the Roses 1445–1461; Lancastrians and Yorkists 1445–1485
British History c.1399–c.1760	This topic is not covered.	<p>Topic coverage is similar in the area of Tudors and Stuarts, but it has limited similarities in the eighteenth century. The following topics are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the OCR AS/A Level GCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • England 1485–1558 • England 1547–1603 • England 1603–1660 • England 1678–1760 • Tudor Rebellions and Tudor Foreign Policy • The British Empire 1558–1783
British History, c.1760–c.2010	<p>There are limited similarities in terms of the range of topics. The following topics are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the Cambridge International AS & A Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Britain and the Industrial Revolution • Britain 1750–1850 	<p>Topic coverage is similar. The following topics are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the OCR AS/A Level GCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitt to Peel 1783–1853 • Liberals, Conservatives and the rise of Labour 1846–1918

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Britain 1919–1939 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British political history 1900–1951 • Britain 1930–1997 including the career of Churchill • Britain and Ireland 1791–1921 • The British Empire 1857–1965

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European History		
European History c.300–c.1461	This topic is not covered.	<p>Topic coverage is different and there are limited similarities only in terms of the range of topics. The following are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the OCR AS/A Level GCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Viking Age 790–1066 • The Crusades and the Crusader States • The Church and Medieval Heresy 1100–1437 • Charlemagne • Exploration 1445–1570 • Spain 1469–1500
European History c.1461–c.1774	Topic coverage is different in the Cambridge International AS & A Level syllabus.	<p>Topic coverage is similar but there are fewer topics in the OCR syllabus. The following are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the OCR AS/A Level GCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spain 1500–1556 • The German Reformation and the reign of Charles V • Philip II of Spain • Russia 1645–1741 • The Catholic reformation • The Ottoman Empire 1492–1610 • France 1498–1610

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European History		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witch craze • France 1610–1715
European History c.1774–c.2000	<p>There is similar coverage of main elements in the twentieth century but they are different in the nineteenth century, compared to the Cambridge Pre-U syllabus. The following topics are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the Cambridge International AS & A Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • France 1774–1814 • Germany 1815–1871 • Russia 1894–1921 • The League of Nations and International relations • 1920s and 1930s • Empire and the emergence of world powers 1870–1919 • The origins of the First World war • The Holocaust • The origins and development of the Cold War • Mussolini's Italy • Stalin's Russia 1924–1941 • Hitler's Germany 1929–1941 	<p>Topic coverage is similar but there are fewer topics. The following are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the OCR AS/A Level GCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The French Revolution and Napoleon 1774–1815 • France 1814–1870 • Italy and Unification 1789–1896 • International Relations 1880–1941 • Russia 1894–1941 and Russia and its rulers 1856–1964 • Italy 1896–1941 • Germany 1919–1963 • The Cold War in Europe 1945–1993 • German nationalism 1789–1919 • Warfare 1792–1945

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United States History		
United States History c.1750–c.2005	<p>Topic coverage is similar to the Cambridge Pre-U syllabus after 1820 but there are fewer topics. There is more specialist coverage in the Cambridge International AS & A Level of 1944–1992. The following topics are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the Cambridge International AS & A Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The USA 1820–1941 • Domestic and foreign policies – the US 1944–1992 • US Soviet relations in the Cold War 	<p>There is some similarity in main topics compared to the Cambridge Pre-U syllabus, but there is a difference in the range of topics. The following are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the OCR AS/A Level GCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The American Revolution • The USA in the 19th Century: Westward expansion; Civil War 1803–1890 • Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1964 • The Cold War in Europe and Asia

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African and Asian History		
Aspects of African and Asian History c.1750–c.2000	<p>There is limited similarity in some topics, and the range is much more limited. The following topics are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the Cambridge International AS & A Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China and Japan 1912–1945 • The spread of Communism in East and Southeast Asia 1945–1991 • Conflict in the Middle East 1948–1991 • Decolonisation, the Cold War and the UN in Sub Saharan Africa 1950–1992 	<p>There is limited similarity in some topics and the range of topics is different. The following are covered in both the Cambridge Pre-U and the OCR AS/A Level GCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cold War in Asia • The rise of Islam • African kingdoms 1400–1800 • The Mughal Empire 1526–1739 • Japan 1853–1937 • South Africa 1948–1999 • The Middle East 2008–2011

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