

IGCSE American History

Overview

This program is designed to develop student's historical knowledge about America between the 18th and 19th centuries. As students work with a mentor to identify their strengths and weaknesses, they will continue to develop their content knowledge of the past so as to understand the nature of humans and the world today. With their mentor, students will focus on either the emergence of nation or the consolidation of the nation. Students will focus on key historical events in American history in order to understand how this modern-day superpower developed from a mere colony.

Objectives

- Ensure that students knowledge is rooted in an understanding of nature and use of historical evidence
- Promote an understanding of key historical concepts: cause and consequence, change and continuity, and similarity and difference
- Critically evaluate the reliability of historical sources

Structure

- Reflect on current knowledge of the range of topics that American History covers and identify strengths and weaknesses
 - Develop a personalised curriculum
- Outline the most common questions in Papers 1-2 and provide sample model answers
- Explore historical events
 - Critical thinking and problem-solving practice
 - Develop data analysis skills
 - Question reliability and validity of data
 - Improve evaluative thinking
 - Source-based questions
- Critically investigate sources through change, causation, and significance
 - Interpret competing and contestable claims
 - Evaluate purpose and origin of historical sources
- Examine a variety of multi-perspective sources to promote international mindedness
- Practice reporting primary and secondary data in the form of a report
 - Writing style
 - Communication skills
- Exam practice
 - Past papers
 - Planning and structuring responses

16 hour
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