



Subject	History		
Title/Topic	Format	Length	Date
Paper 1 – Germany	Written Paper	1 hour 45 minutes	Wed 31 August 1.30pm
Paper 2 – Britain	Written Paper	1 hour 45 minutes	Thu 1 September 1.30pm

In this assessment the topics I will be assessed on are...

Paper 1

The Kaiserreich, 1871–1914

- Political authority: the extent and make-up of the German Empire in 1871; the 1871 constitution; the role of Emperor and Chancellor; political groupings and parties and their ideologies
- Government and opposition: Kaiser Wilhelm I and government under Bismarck; their personalities and policies; the role of the Reichstag; the struggle between autocracy and democracy; the development of parties and political opposition
- Government and opposition: Kaiser Wilhelm II and his chancellors; personalities and policies; the place of the Reichstag; the struggle between autocracy and democracy; the development of parties and political opposition
- Economic developments: industrial expansion; old and new industries; trade and wealth
- Social developments: the class hierarchy; elitism and the culture of militarism; the condition of the working people
- The political, economic and social condition of Germany by 1914

Empire to democracy, 1914–1929

- Political authority: the political impact of the First World War on Germany; political change and breakdown by 1918; the 1918 revolution; the establishment of democratic government in the Weimar constitution
- Government and opposition to 1924: post-war political problems; attempted coups and the opposition of left and right; the occupation of the Ruhr; the working of Weimar government; its strengths and weaknesses
- Government and opposition 1924–1929: the impact of the Ruhr invasion and the leadership of Stresemann; degree of governmental change; degree of opposition
- Economic developments: the impact of war; post-war economic problems and policies; reparations; hyperinflation; Dawes and Young Plans and foreign loans; industrial growth; agriculture
- Social developments: the effect of war on German society; social and cultural changes in Weimar Germany
- The political, economic and social condition of Germany by 1929

Paper 2

The emergence of conflict and the end of consensus, 1625–1629

- The legacy of James I: religious issues and divisions; relations between Crown and Parliament; relations with foreign powers.



- Monarchy and Divine Right: the character and aims of Charles I; the Queen and the court; the King's advisers; ideas of royal authority.
- Challenges to the arbitrary government of Charles I: reactions against financial policies; conflict over Church; reactions against foreign policy and the role of Buckingham
- Parliamentary radicalism; personalities and policies of parliamentary opposition to the King; the Petition of Right; the dissolution of Parliament and the King's commitment to Personal Rule.

An experiment in Absolutism, 1629–1640

- Charles I's Personal Rule: his chief ministers; methods of government; financial policies and the reaction against them
- Religious issues: Laud and Arminianism in England and Scotland; the growth of opposition from Puritans
- Political issues: the role of Wentworth; policies in Ireland and England; the reaction against the Crown; demands for the recall of Parliament
- Radicalism, dissent and the approach of war: the spread of religious radicalism; the Scottish Covenant and the Bishops' War; the Pacification of Berwick; the Second Bishops' War

The crisis of Parliament and the outbreak of the First Civil War, 1640–1642

- The Political Nation 1640: the recall of Parliament; the strengths and weaknesses of Charles I; the strengths and divisions of parliamentary opposition.
- Pym and the development of parliamentary radicalism: Pym's personality and aims; the Grand Remonstrance; the London mob; popular radicalism.
- Conflicts between Crown and Parliament: failure of negotiations between the King and the Long Parliament; the execution of Strafford and its political consequences.
- The slide into war: the impact of events in Ireland; the failed arrest of the Five Members; local grievances; attempts to impose royal authority and the development of a Royalist Party; military preparations for war.

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

To prepare for this assessment:

1. Plan each of the past essay questions creating mind maps.
2. Use the show you know quiz booklets to test yourself on the precise evidence.
3. Re-read the articles in the wider reading booklet on any areas you are finding challenging.

What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?

Wider Reading Booklets
AQA Textbook
BCW Project online
Show you know question Booklet
Past Exam question list.