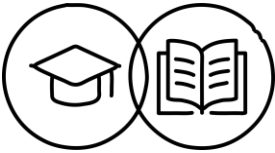


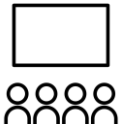


## How can I support my child to succeed in their GCSE History course?

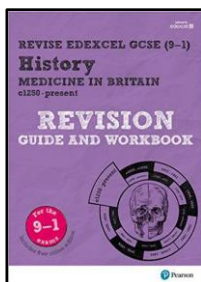
Dear Parent/Carer,

History is a very well-respected GCSE qualification but while most students find it interesting, many also find it challenging because there are so many topics and questions styles including essay questions. To help support your child's studies, we have put together a small guide which gives some suggestions for how you can support your child along with some suggestions for further websites and resources that can support and/or extend your child's studies. We appreciate your continued support, especially in encouraging completion of all homework and revision for our regular test questions. Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher via their Google Classroom and if you have any further questions or would like guidance on any topic, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes, Dr Taylor [mtaylor88rl@nsix.org.uk](mailto:mtaylor88rl@nsix.org.uk)

<p><b>Help your child with their History homework</b></p> 	<p>Your child will be asked to complete regular homework tasks. These may consist of doing Seneca tasks, writing essay questions, creating revision materials and revising for upcoming test questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can help ensure that all homework is completed and handed in on time by regularly checking their check due dates and homework tasks on their Google Classroom and reminding them of what is due and when.</li> <li>You can ask to read their homework and ask them questions about the content.</li> <li>You can encourage your child to contact their teacher (via the Google Classroom) if they are struggling with a task.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Help your child to get organised and know where to look for help</b></p> 	<p>Your child will be issued with knowledge organisers and learning lists and they should use them to identify strengths and gaps in their knowledge. They will also be invited to join Revision Google Classrooms for all four topics where they will find a wealth of revision materials, links to videos and podcasts, exam guidance and more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage your child to actively use the learning lists with them and remind them to use resources in the revision classrooms.</li> <li>Consider purchasing a revision guide to support revision. Please see below for suggestions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Encourage your child to check their knowledge using Seneca</b></p> 	<p>Seneca quizzes are directly aligned to the exam boards we use. Teachers will often set Seneca tasks and ask students to repeat quizzes. They keep track of your child's scores and use them to identify strengths and weaknesses.</p> <p>*Encourage your child to take these quizzes seriously and repeat them when asked. Ask them how they did and which questions were harder and why.</p> <p>*Challenge: Encourage your child to use Seneca for extra revision, even if they haven't been set specific tasks.</p>
<p><b>Encourage attendance at revision/booster sessions</b></p> 	<p>The History Department will be offering regular after school revision sessions and we really value your support in encouraging and rewarding attendance at them.</p> <p>The sessions will usually cover topic content combined with the important exam skills that are essential to succeed in their History exams. The sessions are smaller than regular lessons and so your child will have the opportunity to receive personalised feedback and support. No homework will be set for these sessions.</p>

## Resources for Paper 1



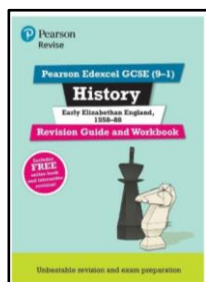
This is a classic revision guide and will support the development of their historical skills. It will also be useful in Y11 as we begin to build the student's overall knowledge of the periods. It also has practice question guidance. Available from Amazon.co.uk.

**\*\*Please note:** we have scanned sections of this guide. Please ask your child's teacher for information.

*Additional websites we recommend:*

[GCSE History - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize](#)

## Resources for Paper 2



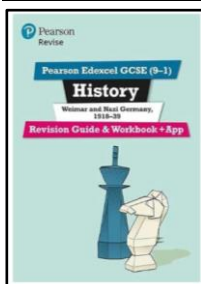
As above, these Guides and Workbooks will support the development of historical skills and content knowledge. Available from Amazon.co.uk.

*Additional websites we recommend:*

Early Elizabeth England: [Elizabeth I - GCSE History Revision - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize](#)  
Superpower Relations: [Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-1991 - The Cold War overview - Edexcel - GCSE History Revision - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize](#)

These are the BBC Bitesize sites with lots of relevant resources including mini-knowledge tests and exam skills.

## Resources for Paper 3



As above, this Guide and Workbook will support the development of historical skills and content knowledge. Available from Amazon.co.uk. Price listed (Oct 2023): £5.99.

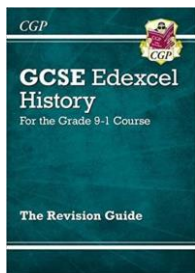
*Additional websites we recommend:*

[The origins of the Republic, 1918-19 - The Weimar Republic 1918-1929 - Edexcel - GCSE History Revision - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize](#) [This is the BBC Bitesize link; lots of relevant resources including mini-knowledge tests]

[Weimar and Nazi Germany](#) [a great portal with lots of resources]

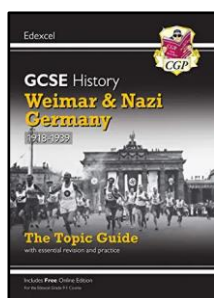
[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmh5yLiGT\\_hbN7x2CjGEnRQtHBoB5FcOx](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmh5yLiGT_hbN7x2CjGEnRQtHBoB5FcOx)

[A YouTube channel devoted to Weimar and Nazi Germany – lot of video clips to support understanding]



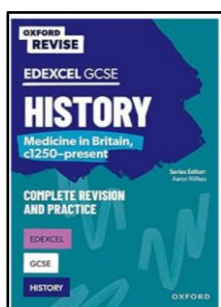
This revision guide does cover all of the units we teach however it does not cover the skills in as much detail. As the new 9-1 GCSE tests the students on a wider range of historical skills, we still recommend the Pearson e revision guides although this guide would support the content equally well.

Available from Amazon.co.uk. Price listed (Jan 2023): £6.95



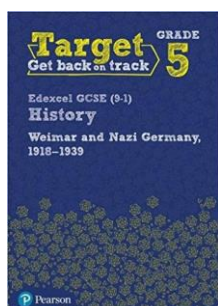
GCSE History Edexcel Topic Guides. They have guides for each unit.

Available from Amazon.co.uk. Price listed (Jan 2023): £6.60



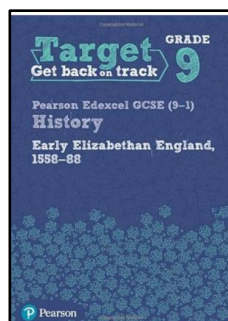
This is the new Oxford Revision Guide. They have guides for each unit.

They are clearly laid out and also have lots of knowledge quizzes. Available from Amazon.co.uk. Price listed (Oct 2023): £5.99



For students who enjoy History but find the content and skills overwhelming, a series of intervention books are available. They are called 'Target 5 Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Intervention workbooks' and target key misconceptions and barriers to help your child get back on track. They address areas of underperformance in a systematic way, with a unique approach that builds, develops and extends students' skills. In addition, they help with preparation for the new GCSE (9-1) assessments with exercises focused around exam-style questions and provide ready-to-use examples and activities. You can buy one for each of the 4 Units.

Available from Amazon.co.uk. Price listed (Oct 2023): £5.99



For students who enjoy History and want to achieve the top grades, Pearson has also introduced Target 9 intervention books. Available from Amazon.co.uk. Price listed (Oct 2023): £5.99

Please speak to your child's teacher if you are unsure which would be best to purchase.



You may also purchase these packs of revision cards (all units sold separately). They come with a free online revision guide and workbook. Available from Amazon.co.uk. Price listed (Oct 2023): £4.99