

# ATAR Modern History

## What is Modern History?

Modern History is a study of the past that enables us to better understand our society today. We discover the values and attitudes, and problems and practices of different peoples, and consider the impact of key decisions on their societies.

## How will Modern History help me in the future?

Modern History skills that many different employers want include the ability to critically analyse an issue, to consider a range of perspectives, to develop a logical argument and to make an evidence-based decision. Studying history can lead to a range of exciting careers in areas such as tourism, business, retail, journalism, law, libraries, research, archiving, government and politics.

## What content will I study in Year 11 and 12?

Year 11	
<b>Unit 1 Understanding the Modern World Capitalism: the American experience 1907-1941</b> This course takes one through the growth of America's industrial economy, its role in WWI, the social revolution in the 1920s, the economic disaster of the Great Depression and USA's entry into WWII.	<b>Unit 2 Movements for change in the 20<sup>th</sup> century: Nazism in Germany</b> You will discover the impact of WWI on Germany, the Weimar Republic 1920s and the reasons for the rise of Hitler. Germany under the Nazis is a fascinating study of a historical period that we hope will never be repeated but that still has valuable lessons for us today.
Year 12	
<b>Unit 3 Modern Nations in the 20<sup>th</sup> century Russia and the Soviet Union 1914–1945</b> You will investigate what challenged the stability of government and how it dealt with both internal divisions and external threats. You will consider the impact of political, economic and social change on various individuals and groups and the significance of the shaping of this modern nation.	<b>Unit 4 the Modern World since 1945: the Struggle for Peace in the Middle East 1945 – 2000</b> We explore our modern world with a focus on the background to and establishment of Israel, the Arab reaction, the context of the Cold War, other conflicts in the region as surrounding countries jostled for influence and power and attempts to bring peace to the area.

## How will I know if Modern History is right for me?

If you currently enjoy Humanities and English or Literature, you are likely to enjoy Modern History. If you want to find out the stories of our past and how important they are to the collective memory of our society, you will enjoy Modern History. If you would like a set of skills that can be applied after school and a rich understanding of why our society works as it does, Modern History is for you.

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