

N5 HISTORY – ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



For Parents and Carers



Which topics are covered at N5?

Section 1	Scottish: Era of the Great War
Section 2	British: Atlantic Slave Trade
Section 3	European: Lenin and the Russian Revolution

Resources to support learning.

External

SQA Past papers

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm>

BBC Bitesize Revision for N5 History

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2phvcw>

Mr Marr History

<https://mrmarrhistory.wordpress.com/national-45/>

N5 History have their own class Teams Page. Contained within the Files Section at the top is access to all folders covering all 3 units of the course.

Within these folders are revision materials such as powerpoints and booklets. There are also skills materials and supports on how to answer all question types required for the exam.

Are there important dates of which I should be aware?

October – Assessment 1

December - Assessment 2

February – Assignment write up (**20% of final grade**)

May 2026 – Final SQA exam

Where do I find more information about the course?

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47447.html>

Where can I find more information about the writing exam and assignment?

The SQA Understanding Standards provides exemplars and grades awarded.

<https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/Subjects/History>

How is the course assessed?

COMPONENT	DETAILS	LENGTH	MARKS	%
FINAL EXAM: Question paper	3 sections: Scottish: Era of the Great War British: Atlantic Slave Trade European: Lenin and the Russian Revolution Each section contains questions where pupils can demonstrate their knowledge and understanding and can apply skills they've learned.	2 hours 20 minutes	80	80%
INTERNAL EXAM: Assignment	Written Assignment - undertaken in class under exam conditions. Submitted to SQA for marking	1 hour	20	20%

Practical strategies for parents/carers to support learners.

- Answer Past Paper Questions and then mark these using the SQA Marking Instructions which are available from the SQA website.
<https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm>
- Work with your child on timed Qs. Compare and describe 4 marks – 6 minutes, Evaluate the usefulness 5 marks – 7.5 minutes, How fully and explain 6 marks – 9 minutes, short essay 9 marks – 13.5 minutes.
- Encourage your child to record their own revision notes and to listen to them when on the bus or walking to school
- They could make flashcards or mind maps on different topics
- They could make a glossary of key words for each topic and memorise these
- They could listen to podcasts or watch YouTube clips
- They could write a revision guide which deals with each topic giving 5/6 facts for each.
- Encourage your child to create a Revision Timetable to help them study effectively
- Quiz your child about topics relating to the course and in preparation for assessments and the final exam
- Ask your child to teach you about particular topics – particularly those they may find more challenging
- Encourage your child to access and use the support materials available to them both on Teams and on external sites
- They could use sites such as Kahoot! Or Blooket - they contain quizzes which can help them revise