



	Units	Assessment
Autumn	<p>Period study - The American West, c.1835 – c.1895</p> <p>The history of the Native Americans and the American West has long fascinated people of all ages – from the romantic view of the Indian and tribal life to the dusty and bandana-wearing image of the cowboy that has been portrayed in literature and the media. In this option, students will have the opportunity to explore what the ‘real’ America West was like and examine the impact of government-sponsored expansion in the American outback, which had far-reaching consequences for both the Indians and the many settlers of the time. This was a defining period in the history of the USA, as a huge number of people moved west to settle on the Plains and the frontier of settlement was pushed westwards – driven by the belief in Manifest Destiny to expand the United States from coast to coast. The lives of the Plains Indians changed dramatically over these 60 years, as railroads, the cattle industry and gold prospecting impacted on their previous ways of life and means of survival, and they were moved into reservations.</p>	<p>Regular assessments throughout the unit. Marks will be recorded on Go4Schools.</p> <p>This unit makes up 20% of the final GCSE and will be assessed on Paper 2 – 1 hour 45 minutes.</p>
Spring	<p>Modern Depth Study – Weimar & Nazi Germany</p> <p>This modern depth study offers students a fascinating analysis of how, between the First and Second World Wars, a democratic Germany became a one-party dictatorship. During this short time span students will examine various political, economic, social and cultural aspects of this change from a democratic to a one-party state. The specification content is divided into four Key topics which provide a framework for teaching and understanding this option. However, these are not in isolation from one another and there is some chronological overlap between the four key topics, which highlights the complexity and interplay of different aspects within Germany during the years 1918–39.</p>	<p>Regular assessments throughout the unit including a mock exam in the Autumn of Year 11. Marks will be recorded on Go4Schools.</p> <p>This unit makes up 30% of the final GCSE and will be assessed on Paper 3 – 1 hour 20 minutes.</p>
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