



	Units	Assessment
<p><b>Autumn</b></p>	<p><b>Period study - Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941 – 1991</b></p> <p>This study focuses on a 50 year period. The content is divided into three key topics, the origins of the Cold War, Cold War Crises, and the end of the Cold War. We study the situation after WWII and the divide that forms between East and West in Europe. We look at key moments in the Cold War, such as the Cuban Missile Crisis. Then we look at the final stages of the Cold War with Gorbachev’s changing attitudes and the fall of the Berlin Wall.</p> <p>Here, too, is the story behind every spy thriller: why the USA and the Soviet Union became locked in a deadly battle of words; how close the world came to nuclear catastrophe; what was really going on in the minds of leaders from Stalin to Kennedy, Reagan to Gorbachev, how secret agents plotted and East German holidaymakers helped to tear down the Berlin Wall. It is a story of crisis talks and secret police, puppet leaders and power struggles – and of ordinary people changing the course of history. Its framework is the confrontation, military and ideological, between the two Superpowers that dominated the world during these years. It is a story of crises and conflict on a global scale: from the Berlin Blockade and the Cuban Missile Crisis, to the tanks in the streets of Budapest and Prague, to spies, student riots and encounters in space. The Cold War is over, but its legacy remains. This period study of twentieth-century international relations will help students to engage with new as well as familiar issues in the twenty-first century.</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 <b>Paper 2</b> – 1 hour 45 minutes.</p>

<p><b>Spring</b></p>	<p><b>Modern Depth Study – Weimar &amp; Nazi Germany</b></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 <b>Paper 3</b> – 1 hour 20 minutes.</p>
<p><b>Summer</b></p>	<p><b>Final preparation for GCSE exams</b></p>	<p><b>GCSE Examination</b> Formal Assessment in exam halls.</p>