

**Oxley College History Department**  
**Year 7 History 2011**  
**Mid Year Examination Study Guide**

The Year 7 History exam will cover all the work of Terms 1 and 2, that is:

- Historical methods, terms, and enquiry
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient China

The exam will be 1 hour long and will be in 4 sections. Each section will be worth roughly similar marks and therefore you will spend about 10 minutes each on the first two sections and 20 minutes each on the other two.

**Section A**

This will be answered on a fill-in answer sheet. It will test your knowledge of facts. It may include some or all of true or false, some chronology and some definitions.

**Section B**

This is the written response section. It is answered on examination pad paper. This is where many students lose marks. A written response does not tell a story or give a list of facts. Good answers will include many facts, but written in a thoughtfully presented paragraph.

**Section C**

This will be a picture study where you will be given some pictures on some topics that we have studied. You will then have to write a paragraph on some of the pictures. There will be a choice in the picture study section. A good response explains the details in the pictures and will perhaps even express an opinion.

**Section D**

This is the skills section, and it will be answered on examination pad paper. This section tests your ability to understand and interpret documents and/or pictures that you have not seen before. Make sure that you set out your answers carefully. Number your answers properly, and check to see how many marks each question is worth. The more marks a question is worth the more details you are expected to write in your answer. Questions that ask why or ask you to explain something or to give an opinion require a fuller, longer answer.

**Topics for Revision**

**Investigating History**

- Concepts of historical time, eg B.C., A.D., centuries, timelines, etc.
- Primary and secondary sources
- archaeology
- Fact and opinion
- The use of ADAM (author, date, audience motive)

## **Ancient Egypt**

- The geography of Egypt.
- Chronology of main periods of Ancient Egyptian history
- Narmer/Menes and the unification of Egypt
- Egyptian society from pharaoh to slaves
- Religion, mummification and the pyramids
- Carter and Tutankhamen's tomb
- Pictures and maps - be able to recognise important topics from your text.

## **Ancient China**

- The geography of China
- The life and impact of Shi Huangdi, including the Great Wall and the terracotta warriors
- Chinese society.
- Beliefs and values, including the mandate of heaven, religions, etc.
- Legacies of Chinese society

### **People and Definitions you should know**

#### **Learn your historical definitions**

anachronism  
archaeology  
archive  
artefacts  
chronological order  
prehistoric  
primary source  
secondary source

#### **Egypt**

Khufu/Cheops  
Howard Carter  
Amun  
Narmer/Menes  
Osiris  
Hatshepsut  
Ramses II  
Tutankhamen

#### **Learn your Egyptian definitions**

ankh  
canopic jars  
cartouche  
delta  
dynasty  
embalming  
hieroglyphics

mastaba  
natron  
nilometer  
obelisk  
papyrus  
Rosetta Stone  
sarcophagus  
shaduf  
scribes  
vizier

#### **China**

Confucius (Gong Fuzi)  
Siddharta Gautama  
Laozi  
Shi Huangdi  
Sima Qian

#### **Learn your Chinese definitions.**

acupuncture  
barbarian  
Daoism  
elixir  
legalism  
Mandate of Heaven  
Middle Kingdom  
nirvana  
terracotta warriors

yin and yang

