

YEAR 8 HISTORY

Revision Sheet for Half-Yearly Exam 2011

All of the work covered in the first and second terms must be studied for your half-yearly examination. The main aspects are:

- The Islamic World – Islam and its beliefs, Five Pillars, Mohammed, spread
- The Crusades – causes, course (viewed from both Western and Arab Muslim eyes), and effects
- The Renaissance – where it started, why (links to the Crusades) inventions, science, art, literature, etc. – and the Reformation
- Exploration – causes, attempts to find the Spice Islands, Spain, Portugal, technologies

Your exam will have 4 sections:

Part A will examine your knowledge of **facts**. In it, you may have to: - match words with their correct definitions - say whether a statement is true or false - identify an individual, etc. Your answers to this section will all be written on a fill-in Answer Sheet.

Part B will test your **writing skills**. You will have a number of paragraphs you will have to write to explain and describe things. Your answers to this section will also be written on the fill-in Answer Sheet labelled Section B.

Part C will test your **comprehension and analytical skills**. You will be given a number of sources, which you will not have seen before, and you will have to answer questions about them to show how well you have interpreted and understood them.

Part D will be a **writing task** in the form of a structured essay about the Crusades. You will need to know:

- The causes of the crusades
- The experiences of the Saracens (Arab Muslims) and Christian Crusaders
- Some details from one or two specific crusades
- The effects of the Crusades on Europe and the Holy Lands

Make sure that you leave yourself enough time to complete the whole examination paper. You will have 1½ hours but each section will have a recommended amount of time, and you should stick to this. In general, the more marks a question is worth, the longer your answer should be.

TOPICS

- The Islamic World – Mohammed; the Five Pillars of Islam; the spread of Islam; Islamic civilisation; influence on the West
- The nature of the Crusades – the Seljuk Turks (Saracens); Pope Urban II; reasons for the Crusades; Peter the Hermit; importance of Jerusalem; Crusader Kingdoms; Saladin; Richard the Lionheart; results of the Crusades
- The Renaissance – nature and main features of the Renaissance; some of its main personalities in general, and one in detail; important inventions; Reformation and Martin Luther
- The Age of Exploration – Prince Henry the Navigator and the Portuguese sea-route to India; difficulties and technologies that affected sea-faring; whatever explorers your class may have covered.