

Oxley College Humanities Department

Year 7 History 2011 Semester Two Examination Study Guide

The Year 7 History exam will cover all the work of Terms 3 and 4, that is:

- Ancient Greece – the Minoans, the Mycenaeans and Classical Greece
- Ancient Rome (as studied by the various classes)
- An introduction to Medieval Europe

The exam will be 1½ hour long, with 5 minutes reading time, and will be in 4 sections. Each section will be worth roughly similar marks and therefore you will spend about 10-15 minutes each on the first two sections and 20-25 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 will include some true or false, some chronology and some definitions.

Section B

- This is the written paragraph response section.
- Good answers include many facts in a thoughtfully presented paragraph with proper sentences.
- Do not lose marks by writing a story or a list of facts.
- Answer the questions directly, pay attention to function words and key words, and use these to begin your answer in order to ensure you write in full sentences.

Section C

- This will be a source-based task.
- 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 longer, fuller, more detailed answer.

Section D

- This is the extended writing section, and it will be answered on examination pad paper.
- Make sure that you set out your answers carefully, using all your skills of writing a good essay.
- 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 longer, fuller, more detailed answer.

Topics for Revision

Investigating History

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

Ancient Greece

- The geography of Greece
- The Minoans and the Mycenaeans: daily life, government, gods, life-style
- The city-states of Athens and Sparta
- The Ancient Olympic Games
- Classical Greece
- Alexander the Great

Medieval Europe

- Life in the Middle Ages
- The Feudal System
- The manorial system
- The Christian Church
- Castles
- The Black Death

People and Definitions you should know

Learn your historical definitions

anachronism
archaeology
artefacts
chronological order
primary source
secondary source

Greece

Arthur Evans
King Minos
Theseus
Heinrich Schliemann
Homer
Menelaus
Agamemnon
Paris
Helen

Learn your Greek definitions

polis
democracy
autocracy
citizen
labyrinth
helot
hoplite

ephor
phalanx
agora
acropolis
oracle
ostracism
Peloponnese
trireme

Medieval Europe

William the Conqueror
King John

Learn your Medieval definitions.

medieval
feudalism
fief
vassal
chivalry
manor
serf
monastery
abbot
friar
tithe
pilgrimage