

**History 12-SL**

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**History is a dynamic, contested, evidence-based discipline that involves an exciting engagement with the past.**

History is an exploratory subject that fosters a sense of inquiry. It is also an interpretive discipline, allowing opportunity for engagement with multiple perspectives and opinions. Studying history develops an understanding of the past, which leads to a deeper understanding of the nature of humans and of the world today.

The Diploma Programme (DP) history course is a world history course based on a comparative, multi-perspective approach to history and focused around key historical concepts such as change, causation and significance. It involves the study of a variety of types of history, including political, economic, social and cultural, encouraging students to think historically and to develop historical skills. In this way, the course involves a challenging and demanding critical exploration of the past.

The DP history course requires students to study and compare examples from different regions of the world, helping to foster international mindedness. (ibo.org)

Prescribed Subjects (paper 1) : 3. The move to Global War

World History Topics (paper 2): 10. Authoritarian states (20th century)

11. Causes and effects of 20th-century wars

**\*Scaled down for 2021-2022**

12. The Cold War: superpower tensions and rivalries (20th century) **\*Not in 2021-2022**

Internal Assessment HIstorical Investigation

**Course Description:**

This is the second year of a two year exploration of 20th Century History. This year will focus ***mainly***on Europe and Asia between the years 1900-1976.

**Course Skills:**

Assignments and assessment will be based around the development of the following

skills:

- the gathering and sorting of historical evidence

- the evaluation of historical evidence

- recognizing and understanding historical processes and their relationships to

human experience, activity and motivation

- organizing and expressing historical ideas and information

**Assessment:**

*The predicted score of each student will be based solely on the practice exams taken throughout the year. There will be some consideration for prediction based on assigned work completed as well as prediction on the IA..*

Paper 1: 30%

Paper 2: 45%

IA 25%

**Units:**

**1. Causes, Practice, Effects WWII**

*Sept-Dec*

**2. Mao and the Chinese Civil War**

*Jan-March*

**3. Revision**

  *April*

**4. Examination**

*May*

**PAPER 1**

**Prescribed subject 3: The move to global war**

This prescribed subject focuses on military expansion from 1931 to 1941. Two case studies are prescribed,from different regions of the world, and both of these case studies must be studied. The first case study explores Japanese expansionism from 1931 to 1941, and the second case study explores German and Italian

expansionism from 1933 to 1940. The focus of this prescribed subject is on the causes of expansion, key events, and international responses to that expansion. Discussion of domestic and ideological issues should therefore be considered in terms of the extent to which they contributed to this expansion, for example,

economic issues, such as the long-term impact of the Great Depression, should be assessed in terms of their role in shaping more aggressive foreign policy.

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| Case studies  | Material for detailed study |
| Case study 1:Japaneseexpansion in EastAsia(1931–1941) | **Causes of expansion**• The impact of Japanese nationalism and militarism on foreign policy• Japanese domestic issues: political and economic issues, and their impact on foreign relations• Political instability in China**Events**• Japanese invasion of Manchuria and northern China (1931)• Sino-Japanese War (1937–1941)• The Three Power/Tripartite Pact; the outbreak of war; Pearl Harbor (1941)**Responses**• League of Nations and the Lytton report• Political developments within China—the Second United **Front**• International response, including US initiatives and increasing tensions between the US and Japan |
| Case study 2:German and Italianexpansion(1933–1940) | **Causes of expansion**• Impact of fascism and Nazism on the foreign policies of Italy and Germany• Impact of domestic economic issues on the foreign policies of Italy and Germany• Changing diplomatic alignments in Europe; the end of collective security;appeasement**Events**• German challenges to the post-war settlements (1933–1938)• Italian expansion: Abyssinia (1935–1936); Albania; entry into the Second World War• German expansion (1938–1939); Pact of Steel, Nazi–Soviet Pact and the outbreak of war**Responses**• International response to German aggression (1933–1938)• International response to Italian aggression (1935–1936)• International response to German and Italian aggression (1940) |

**PAPER 2**

**World history topic 10: Authoritarian states**

**(20th century)**

This topic focuses on exploring the conditions that facilitated the rise of authoritarian states in the 20th century, as well as the methods used by parties and leaders to take and maintain power. The topic explores the emergence, consolidation and maintenance of power, including the impact of the leaders’ policies, both domestic and foreign, upon the maintenance of power. Examination questions for this topic will

expect students to make reference to specific authoritarian states in their responses, and some examination questions will require discussion of states from more than one region of the world. In order for students to be able to make meaningful comparisons across all aspects of the prescribed content, it is recommended

that a minimum of three authoritarian states should be studied.

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| Topic | Prescribed Content |
| Emergence ofauthoritarian states | • Conditions in which authoritarian states emerged: economic factors;social division; impact of war; weakness of political system• Methods used to establish authoritarian states: persuasion and coercion; the role of leaders; ideology; the use of force; propaganda |
| Consolidation andmaintenance ofpower | • Use of legal methods; use of force; charismatic leadership; disseminationof propaganda• Nature, extent and treatment of opposition• The impact of the success and/or failure of foreign policy on themaintenance of power |
| Aims and results ofpolicies | • Aims and impact of domestic economic, political, cultural and socialpolicies• The impact of policies on women and minorities• Authoritarian control and the extent to which it was achieved |

**World history topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th century wars**

This topic focuses on the causes, practice and effects of war in the 20th century. The topic explores the causes of wars, as well as the way in which warfare was conducted, including types of war, the use of technology, and the impact these factors had upon the outcome. Examination questions for this topic will require students to make reference to specific 20th-century wars in their responses, and some examination questions will require discussion of wars from more than one region of the world. Please note that the suggested examples for this topic include “cross-regional” wars such as the First and Second World Wars. In examination questions that ask students to discuss examples of wars from different regions, students may use these wars in a regional context (for example, the Second World War in the Pacific) but may not then use the same war in a different region (for example, the Second World War in Europe) in the same response.

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| Topic | Prescribed Content |
| Causes of War | • Economic, ideological, political, territorial and other causes• Short- and long-term causes |
| Practices of War and their impact on the outcome | • Types of war: civil wars; wars between states; guerrilla wars• Technological developments; theatres of war—air, land and sea• The extent of the mobilization of human and economic resources• The influence and/or involvement of foreign powers |
| Effects of war | • The successes and failures of peacemaking• Territorial changes• Political repercussions• Economic, social and demographic impact; changes in the role and status of women |

**World history topic 12: The Cold War: Superpower tensions and rivalries (20th century)**

**\*Not to be covered this year**

The Cold War dominated global affairs from the end of the Second World War to the early 1990s. This topic focuses on how superpower rivalries did not remain static but changed according to styles of leadership, strength of ideological beliefs, economic factors and crises involving client states. The topic aims to promote an international perspective on the Cold War by requiring the study of Cold War leaders, countries and crises from more than one region of the world.

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| Topic | Prescribed Content |
| Rivalry, mistrust and accord | • The breakdown of the grand alliance and the emergence of superpower rivalry in Europe and Asia (1943–1949): role of ideology; fear and aggression; economic interests; a comparison of the roles of the US and the USSR• The US, USSR and China—superpower relations (1947–1979): containment; peaceful co-existence; Sino-Soviet and Sino-US relations; detente• Confrontation and reconciliation; reasons for the end of the Cold War (1980–1991): ideological challenges and dissent; economic problems; arms race |
| Leaders and nations | • The impact of two leaders, each chosen from a different region, on the course and development of the Cold War• The impact of Cold War tensions on two countries (excluding the USSR and the US) |
| Cold War Crises | • Cold War crises case studies: detailed study of any two Cold War crises from different regions: examination and comparison of the causes, impact and significance of the two crises |