SCHEME OF WORK IGCSE HISTORY (0470) 20th Century Core

This scheme of work covers just the 20th century core. Activities are suggested that will help candidates address the issues that are central to the syllabus, and indeed the questions in the examination papers. They do not pretend to cover all the factual information candidates will need but are designed to encourage research, discussion, analysis and evaluation. The focus is on the requirements of Paper 1 but sources exercises have also been suggested. The most satisfactory way to prepare candidates for Paper 2 is to ensure they have regular practice in interpreting and evaluating sources. This is best done through using past Paper 2s although some of the textbooks also have useful source exercises.

It has been assumed that teachers and students will be using one of the three main textbooks: the approved book 'Modern World History' by Tony McAleavy, (CUP), which covers the 20th century Core Content *only*. 'Modern World History' by Nigel Kelly and Greg Lacey (Heinemann) and 'Modern World History' by Ben Walsh (John Murray), both of which cover the 20th century Core and some of the Depth Studies. All three of these books are very useful - the latter two have been written for a similar GCSE syllabus – but it should be pointed out that none of them fully meet the requirements of the IGCSE syllabus. The other book mentioned is 'Peace and War' by Colin Shephard, Andy Reid and Keith Shephard (John Murray). This makes no attempt to cover the entire syllabus but does include some very useful exercises. It is not recommended as a class text but a copy for the teacher would be useful. One other publication is worth mentioning -Ben Walsh's Modern World History, Teacher's Resource Book (John Murray). This contains many exercises and worksheets. When these books are mentioned, page references have not been given because the books appear in many different editions where the page numbers do change.

A revised book list for this syllabus will be produced by CIE shortly and this will include a wider range of basic texts and more books on individual topics.

History websites vary in quality, and none have been developed specifically for IGCSE History. Those recommended in this Scheme of Work are, in the main, sites that support UK GCSE courses. They are recommendable particularly for the source material they include, and in some instances the classroom activities they offer, but they do need to be used carefully, keeping IGCSE requirements in mind.

It is impossible to be totally prescriptive about the content which is included in the 20th century Core. The syllabus presents the content not as a definitive list of topics, but as a series of questions to be explored. This Scheme of Work provides one way of achieving this. It sticks closely to the syllabus structure, though there is one significant departure from it with the inclusion of background material on the origins and nature of the First World War. It is worth pointing out that, whilst it is entirely justifiable to include these as an introduction, they are not actually part of the 20th century Core.

History: Core content Option B; The 20th century, International Relations since 1919

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Learning Outcomes	Learning Activities	Resources
Key Question 1		
Were the Peace		
Treaties of 1919-23		
fair?		
Causes of First		
World		
To have a brief	It is necessary for students to have	Good brief coverage in
overview of the	some idea of these events so they	McAleavy, Shephard and
events leading to the	can judge aspects of the Treaty of	Walsh
First World War	Versailles.	
To have some	Construct timeline of main events	Paper 2 June and November
understanding of the	1870-1913 concentrating on	2000 (useful source exercises
difference between	formation of the two alliances and	on events leading to the war
long and short term	the development of the arms race.	- see the 19th century option).
causes of the war and	Construct timeline of events in 1914.	
the part played by the	In groups decide who was most to	For teachers wanting to go
major powers.	blame for the outbreak of war.	into this area in more depth
5 1	Award points out of 10 to each of:	there are some useful
	Britain, France, Germany, the Serbs,	worksheets and exercises
	Austria, Russia.	in Walsh's Teacher's Resource Book
The First World		
War		
To gain an impression	Students only need an impression of	There is a mass of material on
of conditions on the	what it was like in the war. This is to	the following websites
Western Front.	enable them to understand the wish	including sources, worksheets
	of people like Chamberlain to avoid	and exercises.
	another war at all costs. This	
	understanding could be	http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/F
Interpretation of	gained through watching a video or	WW.htm
sources.	examining a series of photographs of	http://www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/wwi/
	the Western Front. See websites for	http://www.worldwar1.com/index.html
	these and some excellent activities.	http://www.activehistory.co.uk/
		http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/
		http://www.learningcurve.gov.uk
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The Peace Treaties To know the main terms of the treaties.	The aim of this section of teaching should be to end up with the students able to make an informed judgement about the Treaty of Versailles. They will need to know a little about the other treaties but the bulk of the time should be spent on Versailles. Students need to understand the pressures and limitations on the peacemakers before they criticise the treaty too easily. Consideration of the long-term consequences of the Treaty is better left to Key Question 3.	Good coverage in Kelly and Lacey, McAleavy, Shephard, Walsh.
To understand the aims of the Big Three	Students given photos of Clemenceau, Lloyd George, Wilson. Draw speech bubbles around each saying what they wanted from the negotiations.	
To be able to evaluate the treaties without using hindsight	Students work in groups of four with Britain, France, the USA and Germany represented. Each group given one area to study from: punishment of Germany, Germany's eastern border, Germany's western border. Teacher to give them some possible ideas. Each group draws up their own treaty. Compare these to the final Treaty of Versailles. Discuss why they differ. Did do they do the best they could at the time? Was Germany punished too harshly?	For materials for the activity see Peace and War Teacher's Resource Book. For similar activity see <u>http://www.activehistory.co.uk/</u> For source exercise see Kelly and Lacey.
To understand the impact of Versailles on Germany.	Study cartoons and written sources on Germany's reaction to the Treaty. Design front page of German newspaper reporting the Treaty.	See McAleavy and Walsh. Paper 1 June 1999, Q1.
The ability to construct a multi- causal explanation.	Essay on how far the Treaty was responsible for the events in Germany in 1923: hyperinflation, the Munich Putsch, occupation of the Ruhr.	Paper 1 June 2003, Q5.

Key Question 2: To what extent was the League of Nations a success?	The key aim here is for students to able to analyse two or three success	Kelly and Lacey, MacAleavy and Walsh all useful.
	and failures of the League and be able to explain why the League succeeded or failed.	
To understand the aims of the League.	In role as Wilson write a letter to the US Senate explaining the importance of the League, its aims, and why the US should join.	For links to sites about international relations generally and the League see <u>http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk</u>
To understand the organisation of the League. To explain how the organisation impacted	Draw a diagram of the organisation of the League. This is not very exciting but students need to know the basic structure. However, stress that this is only important as far as it impacted on the performance of the	All of the three main textbooks cover the organisation in some detail.
on the League's effectiveness.	League. Can students spot any features of the structure that might cause problems later?	
To understand the League did much of its important work through its agencies.	It is important that students do not restrict their examination of the League to its political activities. The work of its agencies should also be covered. This could be researched by students.	None of the three main textbooks cover this area well Students should be encouraged to research the work of the ILO and some of the main commissions e.g. on slavery, refugees and health, on the internet.
To be able to explain why the League was more successful in the	Do not try and cover every crisis the League was involved in. Select 3 case studies from the 20s and ask	For some excellent activities on the League see <u>http://www.activehistory.co.uk/</u>

20s than in the 30s.	students to explain for each one (i)	(includes role play on 'How
	how effective the League was, (ii)	would you have run the
	why it was/was not successful. Then	League') and a cartoon investigation of
	see if they can find any common	the Abyssinian crisis.
	factors across all three case studies.	
To understand how	Write down one example for each of	Walsh is useful on this.
the Depression had an	the following countries of how the	
impact on the work of	Depression affected their attitude to	Paper 1 November 1998, Q1, Q2.
the League.	international relations: Britain, the	Paper 1 June 1999, Q2.
Causation.	US, Germany, Italy, Japan, France.	Paper 1 June 2002 Q5.
	,	Paper 1 June 2003 Q6.
To explain why the	Concentrate on Manchuria and	
League failed in the	Abyssinia. Give the students a list of	For source exercises:
30s.	factors e.g. countries not belonging	
Understanding	to the League, its lack of muscle, the	Paper 2 June 2001 (when did the League
causation.	decision making process within the	die?)
	League, attitude of Britain and	Paper 2 November 2001 (the League
	France, the strength of Japan and	and Abyssinia).
	Italy. Ask students to explain how	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	these explain the League's failures.	
Key Question 3:		
Why had		
international peace		
collapsed by 1939?		
Able to understand	Students basically need to be able to	Good coverage in Kelly and Lacey,
that causal factors	understand the contribution of the	McAleavy, Walsh.
often inter-acted, and	following factors to the outbreak of	
that some were more	war: the foreign polices of Germany	An exercise analysing cartoons of the
important than	in particular, but also Italy and	period can be found on
others	Japan, and the failure by Britain and	http://www.activehistory.co.uk/
	France to respond to these threats. It	
	is important that students appreciate	Useful exercises and worksheets on all
	that these factors interacted with one	aspects of this Key Question can be
	another and that some were more	found in Walsh (Teacher's Resource
	important than others.	Book)
		For links to sites on causes of World
		War 2 see <u>www.schoolhistory.co.uk</u>
		Detailed coverage of Hitler's foreign
To understand the	A useful way to begin is	policy with links can be found on
development of	to trace the development of German	http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/
German foreign	foreign policy 1933-39. Students	This is covered well, following this
policy.	need to be sure on the chronology of	pattern, in Kelly and Lacey.
Chronology.	the main events. Get them to	There is also a very clear explanation in

	construct a time-line. This should	MacAleavy.
	cover how Hitler undoes parts of Versailles (disarmament, the Saar,	There is also a useful timeline in Shephard.
	the Rhineland) and the Anschluss, Czechoslovkia, Munich, the Nazi-	Source exercise - Paper 2 June 2003 (Anschluss)
	Soviet Pact, and Poland.	
To understand why a	The next important issue to cover is	See a document analysis exercise
policy of appeasement was followed and to	why Hitler got away with it. At the centre of this is the debate about	on appeasement - <u>http://www.learningcurve.gov.uk</u>
make an evaluation of the policy.	appeasement. Give the students (in pairs) a pack of sources, some	
the policy.	primary some secondary, some	Materials following this pattern can be
	written and some cartoons, some pro-appeasement, some anti. Ask the	found in Shephard.
Source intermetation	students to identify and explain	Source exercise - Paper 2 November
Source interpretation and evaluation.	which sources are pro and which are anti. Followed by class debate - Was	2003 (appeasement).
	appeasement a mistake?	This is covered in this way in Shephard.
To understand the	The roles of the USA and USSR also	
roles played by the USA and the USSR.	need to be considered. Students could consider which contributed	
	most to the outbreak of war? - the isolationism of the USA or the	
	Soviet Union signing the Soviet-	
	Nazi Pact.	There is a source exercise that asks this question in Kelly and Lacey.
To compare the relative importance of	All of the above needs to be brought together - a useful issue for doing	Useful Paper 1 questions can
causal factors.	this is 'How far was Hitler's foreign	be found in; June 1999,
	policy to blame for the outbreak of war in 1939?' This could be done as	November 1999, June 2002, November 2003,
	an essay or as a source exercise. It	There is an interactive exercise
	should be made clear to students that it requires them to compare the	on the causes of WW2 on
	importance of Hitler's foreign policy with that of other factors such as	http://www.activehistory.co.uk/, it covers 6 causes and there are also
	Versailles, the role of other	some aids to essay writing.
	countries, appeasement.	
Key Question 4: Who was to blame		
for the Cold War?		

	This can be a difficult area for students. It helps students if this unit can be given a clear shape. This will enable students to find their way around the complicated events. This can be achieved by: (i) keeping the emphasis on the Key Question, (ii) avoid getting bogged down in too much detail, and (iii) using the main events (Yalta, Potsdam, the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, blockade of Berlin) as case studies.	Kelly and Lacey, MacAleavy and Walsh all cover this Key Question adequately. There are some useful worksheets in Walsh (Teacher's Resource Book). Two websites provide an enormous amount of information about the Cold War including Korea, the Iron Curtain, the Berlin Airlift, Hungary in 1956, the Berlin Wall, Prague Spring, Vietnam, the fall of the Berlin Wall. The first has interactive sections, many photographs and maps. They both contain a lot of digestible information. http://www.cnn/SPECIALS/cold.war/kb ank/maps/ http://www.learningcurve.gov.uk/coldw ar/ Other useful sites on the Cold War include: http://cybersleuth- kids.com/sleuth/History/ Twentieth_Century/Cold_War and links to many other sites can be found at http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk
To understand 'capitalism' and 'communism'	Students to draw up a list of differences between American capitalism and Soviet communism.	There are useful sections to help students with this exercise in Kelly and Lacey and MacAleavy.
To understand the differences between what was agreed at Yalta and Potsdam. To suggest reasons why the Soviets and the Americans could not agree.	Half the students in the class to draw up a list of the agreements and disagreements at Yalta. The other students to draw up a list of the agreements and disagreements at Potsdam. Class as a whole to compare the two meetings. Discuss what are the differences between the two meetings. What are the disagreements between the Soviets and the Americans. Why did they disagree?	See Paper 1 May 1998 Q3, November 98 Q3, June 2002 Q7, November 2003, Q7. Useful source exercise on this

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Interpretation and	Were the Marshall Plan and the	issue in Paper 2, June 2004
evaluation of sources.	Truman Doctrine really the same	
	thing? Students to look at cartoons	Links to sites about the
	and primary and secondary written	Marshall Plan can be found
	sources (from US and Soviet view).	at http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk
		A source exercise on the
		Berlin Blockade can be found
Using contextual	The Berlin Blockade - decision	in Kelly and Lacey.
knowledge to evaluate	making exercise. In groups students	
a number of courses	to play role of Americans/British/	Also see Paper 1 June 2002,
of action.	French. How do they	Q8.
	respond to the Blockade? Discuss	
	advantages and	Useful material and exercises
	disadvantages of: doing nothing,	on the Berlin Wall at
	breaking the blockade by force,	http://cybersleuth-
	threatening a nuclear strike, an	kids.com/sleuth/History/Twentieth_Cent
	airlift.	<u>ury/Cold_War</u>
		There is a useful section on
		consequences in MacAleavy.
Understanding	Students to consider the	consequences in MacAleavy.
different	consequences of the Blockade.	Links to other sites on the Berlin
consequences, both	consequences of the blockade.	Wall and Blockade at
intended and		http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk
unintended.		For this see Paper 2 November 2004.
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Using the evidence to	This unit needs to end with some	
reach overall	work being completed on the overall	
conclusion.	question - Who was to blame for the	
	Cold War?	
	This could be a class debate or a	
	Paper 2 exercise.	
Key Question 5:		
How effectively did		
the USA contain the		
spread of		
Communism?		
	The Cold War is an enormous topic.	Kelly and Lacey, MacAleavy and Walsh
	To make it manageable and to	all cover Cuba and Vietnam adequately.
	provide a clear focus for students	
	this syllabus concentrates on Cuba	
	and Vietnam. It is not necessary for	
	other aspects of the Cold War to be	
	covered (although see section on	
	Korea later).	

Understanding the term 'Cold War'.	Students need a very brief introduction on the meaning of the term Cold War and a little information on the arms race.	Material for this can be found in Kelly and Lacey, and in Walsh.
The Cuban Missile Crisis Identifying main points about the background.	Students need some background on Castro coming to power and the Bay of Pigs. This could be summarised by students.	There is a useful section on this in Kelly and Lacey. For the Bay of Pigs see <u>http://cybersleuth-</u> <u>kids.com/sleuth/History/Twentieth_Cent</u> <u>ury/Cold_War</u>
Using contextual knowledge to make informed decisions. Use the evidence to support decisions.	The Cuban Missile is ideal for a simulation or a decision making exercise.	A decision making exercise can be found in Walsh (Teacher's Resource Book). There is an excellent simulation exercise for students to take part in as well as plenty of information/sources at: http://library.thinkquest.org/11046/briefi ng/index.html
Using contextual knowledge and evidence to construct an argument.	Students need to consider two other issues (i) who won the Cuban Missile Crisis? This could be completed as a class debate. It is important that students realise it is possible to argue that the Soviet Union gained much e.g. Cuba was safe; (ii) what were the consequences of the Crisis? (did it make the world a safer place?).	Links to other sites can be found at: <u>http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk</u> Collections of sources can be found at <u>http://wwics.si.edu/index</u> A useful practice question can be found in Paper 1 November 2003, Q8.
The Vietnam War	A detailed coverage of the chronology of the war should be avoided. Students should cover three issues: (i) why did the USA go into Vietnam? (ii) what difficulties did the USA have in fighting the war? (iii) why did the USA withdraw (internal and external reasons.	

Causation - understanding the reasons why the USA went into Vietnam.	Students to research the reasons for American involvement. These should include events in Vietnam, the Domino Theory, gradual escalation of involvement of the US.	None of the three books cover this issue particularly well. If students have access to all three books or can use additional sources (see web sites mentioned below) they should be able to put together a number of factors.
Research skills: locating sources, planning, deploying and organising information.	Using websites students to research a project on the war in Vietnam. It should concentrate on comparing and evaluating the different ways the two sides fought the war.	Students can find an enormous amount of information at <u>http://www.spartacus.co.uk</u> Another site - <u>http://www.learnhistory.org.uk</u> deals with the main questions and includes some sources. Links to other sites can be found at: <u>http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk</u> There are plenty of books on the topic of the war itself and it is suggested that students are encouraged to some research in the library rather than just use the usual textbooks.
Interpreting and evaluating sources.	Watch a film about Vietnam and discuss how accurate they think it is in the light of their researches.	
Causation. Writing a multi-causal explanation.	This will take students to the crucial question: 'Why did the USA withdraw from Vietnam?' This could be answered in the form of an essay. Students should be careful to include factors in Vietnam, in the USA and international factors.	The usual textbooks deal with this issue rather more satisfactorily. There is a useful practice question in Paper 1 June 2003, Q7 and source exercises in Paper 2 June and November 2000.

Key Question 6: How secure was the USSR's control over Eastern Europe, 1948-c.1989?		
	This is best studied as a series of case studies. Students should already know about Soviet power in Eastern Europe. The case studies are: Hungary 56, Czechoslovakia 68, the Berlin Wall, Solidarity in Poland, the collapse of Soviet control.	Unfortunately all the textbooks cover this Key Question in less detail than some of the earlier ones. If possible at least two of the usual books should be used.
Finding similarities and differences between similar historical events.	Students should be asked to compare events in Hungary in 1956 with those in Czechoslovakia on 1968. They should compare: the events leading up to each crisis, the type and strength of opposition to Soviet control, the reasons for this opposition, the Soviet response, the outcome of the crises.	 <u>http://wwics.edu/index</u> has a large collection of sources about Hungary in 1956. Useful source exercises in Paper 2, June and November 2002.
Comparing and evaluating two interpretations.	Students to read relevant section in two from Kelly and Lacey, MacAleavy, and Walsh. Compare how they explain the reasons for the building of the Berlin Wall. How do they differ, how are they similar. Which one provides the best explanation? When they have done this they should write their own explanation of no more than 250 words.	At least two books from: Kelly and Lacey, MacAleavy, Walsh. <u>http://www.dailysoft.com/berlinwall/ind</u> <u>ex.html</u> is excellent on the building and the fall of the wall. <u>http://www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/gpa</u> <u>/arg61.htm</u> has interesting material on Communist justifications for the wall.
Understanding of causation.	Students to explain why the Soviets had so many problems controlling Poland., including Solidarity.	Practice question in Paper 1 June, Q8 MacAleavy is useful on this. For Solidarity see <u>http://www.history.acusd.edu/gen/20th/c</u> <u>oldwar0.html</u>
Ability to research and plan an essay. Ability to compare	Students to research and write an essay 'How far was Gorbachev responsible for the collapse of	See relevant sections in the usual textbooks.

relative importance of a variety of causal factors.	communism in Eastern Europe?' They need to be aware that they must not just write about Gorbachev. They must compare his importance with that of other factors such as Solidarity.	
Key Question 7: How effective has the UNO been?	The bulk of the work for this Key Question should be based around the two case studies: Korea and the Congo.	
Comparing two organisations for similarities and differences.	However, students first do need to know something about the aims, organisation and decision making processes of the UNO. One way of covering this, which	This is dealt with briefly in MacAleavy which can be supplemented by <u>http://www.un.org/english/</u> <u>http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/U</u> <u>SAun.htm</u>
Distinguishing between the League and the UNO.	raises some interesting issues is to ask students to compare the aims, organisation and decision making processes of the UNO with that of the League of Nations. This will raise issues for discussion such as were lessons learned from the failure of the League when the UNO was created? Such an exercise will also make it less likely that students confuse the two organisations - a common weakness in examinations.	http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlesto p/teacher_lessons/un.geography.htm The last of these has useful activities for students. Kelly and Lacey has a useful source exercise 'Has the United Nations been a failure?'
Lising contextual and	One useful question to pose about the Korean War is how far was it a UN mission and how far was it really a US mission under the UN flag.	http://www.brittannica.com gives detailed coverage of the war.
Using contextual and evidence to reach a balanced judgement.	The other question for students to consider is how far the war was a success.	http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk has useful links. MacAleavy is useful as are the older
Identifying similarities and	A useful way to cover the UN action in the Congo is to compare this with	editions of Kelly and Lacey, and Walsh.

differences.	what happened in Korea. Students should consider how similar were; the causes, the roles played by the superpowers, the difficulties faced by the UN, and whether or not UN intervention was successful.	For practice questions see Paper 1 June 2001, Q8, and June 2003, Q8.
Comparing past and present to increase understanding of both.	There is a good opportunity here to raise questions about the position of the UN today. Are there parallels with the recent events relating to Iraq, especially with regard to the respective roles of the UN and superpowers like the USA.	