

EDEXCEL GCSE Course Outline

Year 10 Topic	Historical Enquiries (key focus)
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Introduction and overview to Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present. How and why have the nature and definitions of criminal activity and the nature of law enforcement and punishment changed over time?</i>
c1000–c1500: Crime and punishment in medieval England	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nature and changing definitions of criminal activity• Crimes against the person, property and authority, including poaching as an example of ‘social’ crime.• Changing definitions of crime as a result of the Norman Conquest, including William I’s Forest Laws. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nature of law enforcement and punishment• The role of the authorities and local communities in law enforcement in Anglo-Saxon, Norman and later medieval England, including tithings, the hue and cry, and the parish constable.• The emphasis on deterrence and retribution, the use of fines, corporal and capital punishment. The use and end of the Saxon Wergild. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case Studies• The influence of the Church on crime and punishment in the early thirteenth century: the significance of Sanctuary and Benefit of Clergy; the use of trial by ordeal and reasons for its ending.• Exam on 1000-1500 Crime & Punishment

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<p>c1500–c1700: Crime and punishment in early modern England</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature and changing definitions of criminal activity • Continuity and change in the nature of crimes against the person, property and authority, including heresy and treason. • New definitions of crime in the sixteenth century: vagabondage and witchcraft.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of law enforcement and punishment • The role of the authorities and local communities in law enforcement, including town watchmen. • The continued use of corporal and capital punishment; the introduction of transportation and the start of the Bloody Code.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Studies • The Gunpowder Plotters, 1605: their crimes and punishment. • Key individual: Matthew Hopkins and the witch-hunts of 1645–47. The reasons for their intensity; the punishment of those convicted. • Exam on 1000-1700 Crime & Punishment

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<p>c1700–c1900: Crime and punishment in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Britain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature and changing definitions of criminal activity • Continuity and change in the nature of crimes against the person, property and authority, including highway robbery, poaching and smuggling. • Changing definitions of crime exemplified in the ending of witchcraft prosecutions and treatment of the Tolpuddle Martyrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of law enforcement and punishment • The role of the authorities and local communities in law enforcement, including the work of the Fielding brothers. The development of police forces and the beginning of CID. • Changing views on the purpose of punishment. The use and ending of transportation, public execution and the Bloody Code. Prison reform, including the influence of John Howard and Elizabeth Fry.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Studies • Pentonville prison in the mid nineteenth century: reasons for its construction; the strengths and weaknesses of the separate system in operation. • Key individual: Robert Peel – his contribution to penal reform and to the development of the Metropolitan Police Force. • Exam on 1000-1900 Crime & Punishment

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<p>c1900–present: Crime and punishment in modern Britain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature and changing definitions of criminal activity • Continuity and change in the nature of crimes against the person, property and authority, including new forms of theft and smuggling. • Changing definitions of crime, including driving offences, race crimes and drug crimes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of law enforcement and punishment • The role of the authorities and local communities in law enforcement, including the development of Neighbourhood Watch. Changes within the police force: increasing specialisation, use of science and technology and the move towards prevention. • The abolition of the death penalty; changes to prisons, including the development of open prisons and specialised treatment of young offenders; the development of non-custodial alternatives to prison. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Studies • The treatment of conscientious objectors in the First and Second World Wars. • The Derek Bentley case: its significance for the abolition of the death penalty. • Exam on 1000-present Crime & Punishment

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Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime and policing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction to historic environment.</i> • The local context of Whitechapel. The problems of housing and overcrowding. Attempts to improve housing: the Peabody Estate. Provision for the poor in the Whitechapel workhouses. The lack of employment opportunities and level of poverty. Links between the environment and crime: the significance of Whitechapel as an inner city area of poverty, discontent and crime. • <i>Types of source relevant to this option.</i> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prevalence of lodging houses and pubs creating a fluctuating population without ties to the community. The tensions arising from the settlement of immigrants from Ireland and Eastern Europe. Pressures caused by the increase in Jewish immigration during the 1880s and the tendency towards segregation. The growth of socialism and anarchism in Whitechapel. • <i>Source utility</i> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation of policing in Whitechapel. The work of H division and the difficulties of policing the slum area of Whitechapel, the rookeries, alleys and courts. Problems caused by alcohol, prostitution, protection rackets, gangs, violent demonstrations and attacks on Jews. The Whitechapel Vigilance Committee. • <i>Following up a source.</i>

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Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime and policing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigative policing in Whitechapel: developments in techniques of detective investigation, including the use of sketches, photographs and interviews; problems caused by the need for cooperation between the Metropolitan Police, the City of London Police and Scotland Yard. Dealing with the crimes of Jack the Ripper and the added problems caused by the media reporting of the ‘Ripper’ murders.• <i>Source utility.</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The national and regional context: the working of the Metropolitan Police, the quality of police recruits, the role of the ‘beat constable’. The development of CID, the role of the Home Secretary and of Sir Charles Warren, public attitudes towards the police.• <i>Following up a source.</i>• Exam on Whitechapel section of Crime & Punishment paper

Key topic 1: Anglo-Saxon Society & Norman Invasion

Anglo-Saxon society

- Introduction and overview of Anglo-Saxon and Anglo-Norman England, 1060–1088.
- Monarchy and government. The power of the English monarchy. Earldoms, local government and the legal system.
- The economy and social system. Towns and villages. The influence of the Church.

Edward & the Succession Crisis

- The house of Godwin. Harold Godwinson's succession as Earl of Wessex. The power of the Godwins.
- Harold Godwinson's embassy to Normandy. The rising against Tostig and his exile. The death of Edward the Confessor.

Claimants for the throne

- The motives and claims of William of Normandy, Harald Hardrada and Edgar.
- The Witan and the coronation and reign of Harold Godwinson.
- Reasons for, and significance of, the outcome of the battles of Gate Fulford and Stamford Bridge.

The Norman Invasion

- The Battle of Hastings.
- Reasons for William's victory, including the leadership skills of Harold and William, Norman and English troops and tactics.
- **Full Anglo-Saxon & Norman Exam 1**

Key topic 2: Anglo-Saxon Rebellions & Norman Control

Establishing control	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The submission of the earls, 1066.• Rewarding followers and establishing control on the borderlands through the use of earls. The Marcher earldoms.• Reasons for the building of castles; their key features and importance.
The causes & outcomes of Anglo-Saxon resistance, 1068–71	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The revolt of Earls Edwin and Morcar in 1068.• Edgar the Aethling and the rebellions in the North, 1069.• Hereward the Wake and rebellion at Ely, 1070–71.
The legacy of resistance to 1087	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The reasons for and features of Harrying of the North, 1069–70. Its immediate and long-term impact, 1069–87.• Changes in landownership from Anglo-Saxon to Norman, 1066–87.• How William I maintained royal power.
Revolt of the Earls, 1075	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reasons for and features of the revolt.• The defeat of the revolt and its effects.• Full Anglo-Saxon & Norman Exam 2

Key topic 3: Norman Society

The feudal system and the Church

- The feudal hierarchy. The role and importance of tenants-in-chief and knights. The nature of feudalism (landholding, homage, knight service, labour service); forfeiture.
- The Church in England: its role in society and relationship to government, including the roles of Stigand and Lanfranc. The Normanisation and reform of the Church in the reign of William I.
- The extent of change to Anglo-Saxon society and economy.

Norman government

- Changes to government after the Conquest. Centralised power and the limited use of earls under William I. The role of regents.
- The office of sheriff and the demesne. Introduction and significance of the 'forest'.
- Domesday Book and its significance for Norman government and finance.

The Norman aristocracy

- The culture and language of the Norman aristocracy.
- The career and significance of Bishop Odo.

William and his sons

- Character and personality of William I and his relations with Robert. Robert and revolt in Normandy, 1077–80.
- William's death and the disputed succession. William Rufus and the defeat of Robert and Odo.
- **Full Anglo-Saxon & Norman Exam 3**

Key topic 1: The Weimar Republic 1918–29

The origins of the Republic, 1918–19

- The legacy of the First World War. The abdication of the Kaiser, the armistice and revolution, 1918–19
- The setting up of the Weimar Republic. The strengths and weaknesses of the new Constitution.

The early challenges to the Weimar Republic, 1919–23

- Reasons for the early unpopularity of the Republic, including the ‘stab in the back’ theory and the key terms of the Treaty of Versailles.
- *Making inferences from a source*
- *Analysis of interpretations on Germany and the legacy of the First World War*
- Challenges to the Republic Left and Right: Spartacists, Freikorps, the Kapp Putsch.
- The challenges of 1923: hyperinflation; the reasons for, and effects of, the French occupation of the Ruhr.

The recovery of the Republic, 1924–29

- Reasons for economic recovery, including the work of Stresemann, the Rentenmark, the Dawes and Young Plans and American loans and investment.
- The impact on domestic policies of Stresemann’s achievements abroad: the Locarno Pact, joining the League of Nations and the Kellogg-Briand Pact.
- *Analysis of interpretations on Germany's recovery 1924–29*

Changes in society, 1924–29

- Changes in the standard of living, including wages, housing, unemployment insurance.
- Changes in the position of women in work, politics and leisure.
- *Making inferences from a source*
- Cultural changes, including developments in architecture, art, literature and the cinema.
- **German Exam 1**

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Key topic 2: Hitler's rise to power, 1919–33

Early development of the Nazi Party, 1920–22

- Hitler's early career: joining the German Workers' Party and setting up the Nazi Party, 1919–20.
- The early growth and features of the Party. The Twenty-Five Point Programme. The role of the SA.

The Munich Putsch and the lean years, 1923–29

- The reasons for, events and consequences of the Munich Putsch.
- Reasons for limited support for the Nazi Party, 1924–28. Party reorganisation and *Mein Kampf*. The Bamberg Conference of 1926.
- *Source utility*
- *Analysis of interpretations on the Munich Putsch*

The growth in support for the Nazis, 1929–32

- The growth of unemployment – its causes and impact. The failure of successive Weimar governments to deal with unemployment from 1929 to January 1933. The growth of support for the Communist Party.
- The reasons for growth of support for the Nazi Party, including the appeal of Hitler and the Nazis, the effects of propaganda and the work of the SA.

How Hitler became Chancellor, 1932–33

- Political developments in 1932. The roles of Hindenburg, Brüning, von Papen and von Schleicher.
- The part played by Hindenburg and von Papen in Hitler becoming Chancellor in 1933.
- *Evaluation of interpretations on Hitler becoming Chancellor 1932–33*
- **Germany Exam 2**

Key topic 3: Nazi control and dictatorship, 1933–39

The creation of a dictatorship, 1933–34

- The Reichstag Fire. The Enabling Act and the banning of other parties and trade unions.
- The threat from Röhm and the SA, the Night of the Long Knives and the death of von Hindenburg. Hitler becomes Führer, the army and oath of allegiance.
- *Making inferences from a source*

The police state

- The role of the Gestapo, the SS, the SD and concentration camps.
- Nazi control of the legal system, judges and law courts.
- Nazi policies towards the Catholic and Protestant Churches, including the Reich Church and the Concordat.

Controlling and influencing attitudes

- Goebbels and the Ministry of Propaganda: censorship. Nazi use of media, rallies and sport, including the Berlin Olympics of 1936.
- Nazi control of culture and the arts, including art, architecture, literature and film.
- *Evaluation of interpretations on Nazi control and the influencing of attitudes*

Opposition, resistance and conformity

- The extent of support for the Nazi regime.
- Opposition from the Churches, including the role of Pastor Niemöller.
- Opposition from the young, including the Swing Youth and the Edelweiss pirates.
- *Making inferences from a source*
- **German Exam 3**

Key topic 4: Life in Nazi Germany, 1933–39

Nazi policies
towards women

- Nazi views on women and the family.
- Nazi policies towards women, including marriage and family, employment and appearance.
- *Source utility*
- *Analysis of interpretations on Nazi policies towards women*

Nazi policies
towards the young

- Nazi aims and policies towards the young. The Hitler Youth and the League of Maidens.
- Nazi control of the young through education, including the curriculum and teachers.
- *Source utility*
- *Evaluation of interpretations on Nazi policies towards the young*

Employment and
living standards

- Nazi policies to reduce unemployment, including labour service, autobahns, rearmament and invisible unemployment.
- Changes in the standard of living, especially of German workers. The Labour Front, Strength Through Joy, Beauty of Labour.
- *Making inferences from a source*
- *Evaluation of interpretations on employment and living standards*

The persecution of
minorities

- Nazi racial beliefs and policies and the treatment of minorities: Slavs, 'gypsies', homosexuals and those with disabilities.
- The persecution of the Jews, including the boycott of Jewish shops and businesses (1933), the Nuremberg Laws and Kristallnacht.
- **German Exam 4**

Key topic 1: The origins of the Cold War, 1941–58

Early tension between East and West

- The Grand Alliance. The outcomes of the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam conferences.
- The ideological differences between the superpowers and the attitudes of Stalin, Truman and Churchill.
- The impact on US-Soviet relations of the development of the atomic bomb, the Long and Novikov telegrams and the creation of Soviet satellite states in Eastern Europe.

The development of the Cold War

- The impact on US-Soviet relations of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan, 1947.
- The significance of Cominform (1947), Comecon (1949) and the formation of NATO (1949).
- Berlin: its division into zones. The Berlin Crisis (blockade and airlift) and its impact. The formation of the Federal Republic of Germany and German Democratic Republic.

The Cold War intensifies

- The significance of the arms race and the formation of the Warsaw Pact.
- Events in 1956 leading to the Hungarian Uprising, and Khrushchev's response.
- The international reaction to the Soviet invasion of Hungary.
- **Cold War Full Exam 1**

Key topic 2: Cold War crises, 1958–70

Cold War crises,
1958–70 (Berlin,
Cuba,
Czechoslovakia)

- The refugee problem in Berlin, Khrushchev's Berlin ultimatum (1958), and the summit meetings of 1959–61.
- The construction of the Berlin Wall, 1961.
- Impact of the construction of the Berlin Wall on US-Soviet relations. Kennedy's visit to Berlin in 1963.
- Soviet relations with Cuba, the Cuban Revolution and the refusal of the USA to recognise Castro's government. The significance of the Bay of Pigs incident.
- The events of the Cuban Missile Crisis.
- The consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis: the 'hotline', the Limited Test Ban Treaty 1963, the Outer Space Treaty 1967, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty 1968.
- Opposition in Czechoslovakia to Soviet control: the Prague Spring.
- The Brezhnev Doctrine and the re-establishment of Soviet control in Czechoslovakia.
- International reaction to Soviet measures in Czechoslovakia.
- **Cold War Full Exam 2**

Key topic 3: The end of the Cold War, 1970–91

Attempts to reduce tension between East and West

- Détente in the 1970s, SALT 1, Helsinki, SALT 2.
- The significance of Reagan and Gorbachev's changing attitudes.
- Gorbachev's 'new thinking' and the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Force (INF) Treaty 1987.

Flashpoints

- The significance of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Carter Doctrine and the Olympic boycotts.
- Reagan and the 'Second Cold War', the Strategic Defence Initiative.

The collapse of Soviet control of Eastern Europe

- The impact of Gorbachev's 'new thinking' in Eastern Europe: the loosening Soviet grip on Eastern Europe.
- The significance of the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- The collapse of the Soviet Union and its significance in bringing about the end of the Warsaw Pact.
- **Full Cold War Exam 3**

Pupils then work on structured revision activities for all four topics, which integrates examination technique & knowledge recovery.