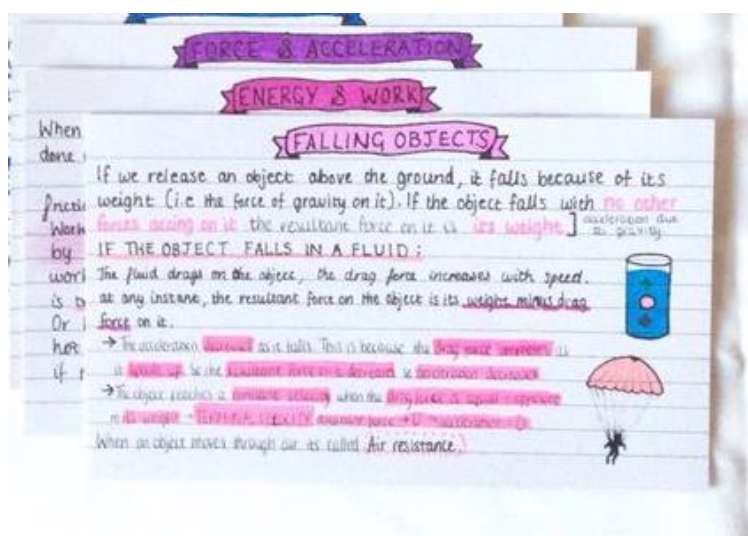


GCSE History Revision Questions

This pack contains knowledge based questions that will help you prepare for your exams. It is important that you revise the content regularly so that you are ready for the exams.

You need to complete between 1 and 4 questions per day. If you are doing 1 question per day then change the topic each day e.g. Elizabeth on Monday, Germany on Tuesday etc. If you are doing more questions per day then make sure they are from different topics.

You could answer them in paragraphs, on note cards as bullet points or spider diagrams/ mindmaps with words and pictures. Try and answer the question without looking at your notes/books. Then go back to your notes or revision guide and add any parts that you missed (names, dates, facts etc). It helps if you use colour/highlighters for keywords or dates etc. too.



If you don't know an answer to a question at all then use your book or revision guide, but make sure you try and re-do the question a week or two later to ensure you have remembered it.

Once you have answered a question tick it off. You should aim to answer all the questions at least twice, but the second time you shouldn't need to check your revision guide or notes as you should know the answer!



Revision Tip - Write the full question down that you are answering. Then you can give your questions and answers to a family member or friend who can check how much you know/remember by asking the question aloud and you can tell them the answer. They don't need to know anything about GCSE History as they will have your answers to help them!

Elizabeth Questions

Topic Area 1 - Elizabethan Government

1. Describe Elizabeth's Coronation
2. Describe how Elizabeth used portraits
3. Describe the Royal Progresses
4. Describe Elizabeth's Royal Court
5. Outline how Elizabeth used patronage and factional rivalry to control the Royal Court
6. Outline the role of the Privy Council
7. Outline the contribution Sir William Cecil made to Elizabeth's government
8. Outline the contributions Sir Francis Walsingham made to Elizabeth's government
9. Describe the structure of local government in Elizabethan England
10. Outline the roles of the Justice of the Peace and the Parish Constable in the 16th Century
11. Describe the role of Parliament in Elizabeth's government
12. Describe the issue of Freedom of Speech and Taxation in Elizabeth's Parliament

Topic Area 2 - Lifestyle of the Rich and Poor

1. Describe the structure of Elizabeth society
2. Describe the lifestyle of the rich in Elizabethan England
3. Describe the lifestyle of the poor in Elizabethan England
4. Describe the homes of the rich in Elizabethan England
5. Describe the homes of the poor in Elizabethan England
6. Explain why poverty increased in Elizabethan England
7. Outline the main attempts to deal with poverty by the Elizabethans
8. Describe the main features of the 1601 Poor Law
9. Describe the issue of Vagrancy in Elizabethan England
10. Describe the problems caused by vagrancy in Elizabethan England
11. How successful were the Elizabethan Poor Laws?

Topic Area 3 - Popular Entertainment

1. Describe some of the popular cruel sports Elizabethans enjoyed
2. Describe some of the entertainment the rich enjoyed in Elizabethan England
3. Describe the development of the theatre
4. Describe the formation of theatre companies
5. Outline the contribution of 4 playwrights to Elizabethan theatre
6. Describe the design of the new Elizabethan theatres
7. Explain why the theatre became popular
8. Describe the opposition to the theatre

Topic Area 4 - The Problem of Religion

1. Describe the religious problems Elizabeth I inherited
2. Outline the key differences between Catholic and Protestant beliefs
3. Describe the main aims of the religious settlement
4. Describe the main features of the religious settlement
5. Describe the main features of the 'middle way'
6. Outline the main features of the Act of Supremacy
7. Outline the main features of the Act of Uniformity
8. Outline the main features of the Royal Injunctions (1559) and the Visitations
9. Describe the reactions to the Religious Settlement

Topic Area 5 - The Catholic Threat

1. Describe the issue of recusancy
2. Describe the rebellion of the Northern Earls
3. Describe the problems caused by the arrival of Mary Queen of Scots in England
4. Describe the excommunication of Elizabeth I
5. Describe the Ridolfi Plot
6. Describe the Throckmorton Plot
7. Describe the Babington Plot
8. Outline the consequences of the execution of Mary Queen of Scots
9. Explain why the Catholic threat was so significant

Topic Area 6 - The Spanish Armada

1. Outline the main causes of the Spanish Armada
2. Outline the differences and similarities between the English and Spanish ships
3. Explain why the War in the Netherlands led to the Spanish Armada
4. Explain why Drake's actions led to the Spanish Armada
5. Outline the progress of the Spanish Armada through the English Channel
6. Describe the events at Calais
7. Describe the Battle of Gravelines
8. Describe the events surrounding the defeat of the Spanish Armada
9. Outline the main reasons for the failure of the Spanish Armada
10. Explain why the weather was important in the defeat of the Spanish Armada

Topic Area 7 - The Puritan Threat

1. Describe the Puritan beliefs and practices
2. Describe the Puritan threat to the religious settlement
3. Describe the Puritan opposition in parliament and the Privy Council
4. Describe the measures taken to deal with the Puritan challenge
5. Outline each of the following;
 - a. The Vestments Controversy
 - b. The Marriage pamphlet
 - c. The Marprelate Tracts
6. Outline the actions of each of the following individuals;
 - a. Walter Strickland
 - b. Peter Wentworth
 - c. Archbishop Grindal
 - d. Archbishop Whitgift

Germany Questions

Topic Area 1 - Impact of the First World War

1. Describe the Weimar Constitution
2. Outline the weaknesses of the Weimar Constitution
3. Outline the main terms of the Treaty of Versailles
4. Describe the impact of the Treaty of Versailles on Germany
5. Describe the impact of WW1 on Germany
6. Describe the reaction of Germans to the Treaty of Versailles
7. Describe the Spartacist Uprising
8. Describe the Kapp Putsch
9. Describe the Munich Putsch
10. Describe the impact of hyperinflation on Germany
11. Describe the events in the Ruhr

Topic Area 2 - Weimar Recovery

1. Describe Stresemann's Policies to deal with the problems of 1923
2. Describe the Locarno Pact, Germany's entry to the League of Nations and the Kellogg-Briand Pact
3. Describe the social changes in Weimar Germany in the late 1920s
4. Describe the 'Golden Age'

5. Outline the impact of Stresemann on the *Golden Age of Weimar*
6. How successful was the *Golden Age of Weimar*?

Topic Area 3 - Rise of the Nazi Party

1. Outline Hitler's role in shaping and changing the Nazi party between 1919 and 23
2. Describe the development of the Nazi Party between 1924 and 1929
3. Describe the role of the SA in the rise of the Nazi party
4. Explain the consequences of the Munich Putsch
5. Describe the methods used by Goebbels to win people over to Nazism
6. Outline the promises Hitler and the Nazis made to different groups of people
7. Describe the impact of the *Great Depression* on *Germany* (political, economic, social)
8. Explain how successful the Nazis were in elections between 1928 and 1933
9. Describe how Hitler became chancellor of *Germany*
10. Explain how political scheming between 1929-1932 helped Hitler to become Chancellor

Topic Area 4 - Consolidation of Power

1. Explain why Hitler needed to consolidate his power
2. Describe the events surrounding the Reichstag Fire
3. Explain how Hitler was able to take advantage of the Reichstag Fire
4. Explain why the Enabling Act was important
5. Describe how Hitler removed potential opposition from trade unions and other political parties
6. Describe the Night of the Long Knives
7. Explain why the Night of the Long Knives was important
8. Explain how Hitler became Fuhrer

Topic Area 5 - Nazi Economic, Social and Racial Policy

1. Describe the Nazi methods to reduce unemployment
2. Describe the role of the RAD (The National Labour Service)
3. Describe the role of the DAF (The German Labour Front)
4. Explain how the Nazis controlled the workforce
5. Describe how the school curriculum changed under the Nazis
6. Describe how the Nazis controlled young people
7. Describe how the Nazis exercised control over central and regional government
8. Describe Nazi racial theory
9. Describe how the position of Jews living in *Germany* changed during the years 1933-38
10. Explain the significance of the Nuremberg Laws and Kristallnacht
11. Describe the changing role of women in *Nazi Germany*

12. Describe the Hitler Youth Movement

Topic Area 6 – Use of Terror and Persuasion

1. Describe the role of the *Gestapo*
2. Describe the role of the *SS*
3. Explain how the Nazis initially used concentration camps
4. Describe the Nazi use of the radio
5. Describe the Nazis use of propaganda
6. Explain how the Nazis controlled the media once they took power
7. Describe how the Nazis controlled the legal system
8. Describe the Nazis use of censorship

Topic Area 7 – Hitler's Foreign Policy

1. Outline Hitler's Foreign Policy Aims
2. Describe Hitler's policy of rearmament
3. Describe the events in the Rhineland (1936)
4. Describe the Anschluss of 1938
5. Describe the events in the Sudetenland (1938)
6. Describe the Nazi-Soviet Pact (1939)
7. Describe Hitler's Steps To War
8. Describe Hitler's actions to destroy the Treaty of Versailles
9. Explain why World War Two started

USA Questions

Topic Area 1 – Economic Downturn and Recovery

1. How did The Great Depression affect American society?
2. Describe the impact of the Wall St Crash on the US economy
3. Describe the Bonus March
4. What did Hoover do to try and deal with the Great Depression?
5. Why did Roosevelt win the 1932 election?
6. What did Roosevelt do in his first 100 Days?
7. Describe the New Deal
8. What were the fireside chats?

9. Describe four Alphabet Agencies
10. Explain how the New Deal helped to reduce unemployment
11. Describe the opposition to the new Deal
12. Describe how WW2 affected the American economy
13. List the successes of the New Deal
14. List the failures of the New Deal

Topic Area 2 - The Economic impact of WW2

1. Explain the impact of the Second World War on the American economy
2. Describe the main features of the affluent society
3. Describe what was life like for those who didn't share in the affluence
4. Describe consumerism
5. Describe suburbanisation
6. Explain why people became more affluent in the 1950s
7. Explain why there was a growth in suburbia

Topic Area 3 - Civil Rights

1. Describe the contribution of black Americans to WW2
2. What happened to black Americans immediately after WW2? (Hint - Truman)
3. Explain why the membership of the NAACP increased after World War Two
4. Describe the Brown vs Topeka case
5. What was the impact of the Brown vs Topeka case?
6. Describe the events at Little Rock High School
7. Describe the events at Mississippi University in 1962
8. Describe the Montgomery Bus Boycott
9. Describe the freedom rides
10. Describe the Birmingham March
11. Describe the March on Washington
12. Describe the Selma March
13. Describe the role of Martin Luther King in the Civil Rights Movement
14. Describe the role of Malcolm X in the Civil Rights Movement
15. Explain why some black Americans supported the Black Power Movement in the later 1960s
16. Describe the Race Riots of the 1960s
17. Describe the Black Power Movement
18. Explain why the Civil Rights Act was passed
19. Explain why the Voting Rights Act was passed
20. List the successes and limitations black Americans experienced between 1941-1970

Topic Area 4 – Political Change 1960-2000

1. Describe the domestic policies of President Kennedy
2. Describe the domestic policies of President Johnson
3. Describe the Watergate Scandal
4. Explain the impact of the Watergate Scandal
5. Describe the policy of Reaganomics
6. Describe President Reagan's domestic policies
7. Describe the policies of President George Bush Snr
8. Describe the policies of President Clinton
9. List the successes and limitations of Kennedy and Johnson
10. List the successes and limitations of Reagan, Bush and Clinton

Topic Area 5 – Social Change 1950-2000

1. Describe the changes to music between 1950-2000
2. Describe the changes to the cinema between 1950-2000
3. Describe the changes to television between 1950-2000
4. Describe the developments in information technology between 1970-2000
5. Describe the developments in literature between 1950-2000
6. Describe the youth counter-culture in the 1950s and 1960s
7. Describe the changes in youth culture between 1950-2000
8. Describe the student protest movement
9. Explain why students started to protest in the 1960s and 1970s
10. Explain the impact of the student protest movement
11. Explain why some women wanted their lives to change
12. Describe how the role of women changed between 1950-1970
13. Describe the feminist movement
14. Explain how successful the changes to women's lives were

Topic Area 6 – Cold War Rivalry

1. Outline what was agreed at the Yalta and Potsdam Conference
2. Describe the Truman Doctrine and the policy of containment
3. Describe the Marshall Plan
4. Describe the Berlin Crisis 1948-49
5. Describe the Cuban Missile Crisis
6. Explain the consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis
7. Describe the US involvement in Vietnam
8. Explain why the US was defeated in Vietnam

Topic Area 7 - Search for World Peace since 1970

1. Describe the policy of Détente
2. Explain why the USA followed a policy of détente
3. Outline the SALT 1 agreement
4. Describe the changing relationship between the USA and China
5. Describe the changing relationship between the USA and the USSR
6. Describe Gorbachev's policies
7. Explain the impact of Reagan on the ending of the Cold War
8. Explain why the Cold War ended
9. Describe the events of the siege of the US embassy in Tehran
10. Describe the events of the Gulf War

Crime and Punishment Questions

Topic Area 1 - Causes of Crime

1. Explain how poverty caused crime in the Saxon and Medieval Era
2. Explain why violent crime increased in the Saxon and Medieval Era
3. Explain why changes to farming caused crime in the 16th and 17th centuries
4. Explain why poverty caused crime in the 16th and 17th centuries
5. Explain why religious change caused crime in the 16th and 17th centuries
6. Explain why smuggling increased in the 18th century
7. Explain why highway robbery increased in the 18th and 19th centuries
8. Describe the problems urbanisation caused in the 18th and 19th centuries
9. Explain why car crime increased in the 20th and 21st centuries
10. Explain why computer crime increased in the 20th and 21st centuries
11. Explain why terrorism increased after the 1960s
12. Describe the impact of changing technology on crime

Topic Area 2 - Nature of Crime

1. Describe the main crimes committed in the Medieval period
2. Describe the main crimes committed in the 16th century
3. Describe the crime of vagrancy
4. Describe the crime of heresy
5. Describe the crime of treason in the 16th and 17th centuries
6. Describe the crime of smuggling
7. Describe the crime of highway robbery

8. Describe the three protests that took place in the 19th century
9. Describe the crimes associated with the motor car in the twentieth century
10. Describe the crimes associated with computers in the twentieth and twenty first centuries
11. Describe the crime of hooliganism in the twentieth and twenty first centuries
12. Describe the crime of terrorism in the twentieth and twenty first centuries
13. Describe the crimes associated with urbanisation in the industrial revolution

Topic Area 3 – Enforcing Law and Order

1. Describe how the community enforced law and order on Saxon and medieval times
2. Describe the role of manor, church and royal courts in the later medieval period
3. Describe the role of the Bow St Runners
4. Describe the introduction of the Metropolitan Police Force
5. Describe the changes to the police force in the twentieth and twenty first century
6. Describe the role of Community Support Officers
7. Describe the role of Tudor Justices of the Peace (JPs) in combatting crime
8. Describe the Municipal Corporations Act
9. Describe the Rural Police Act (County Police Act)
10. Describe the County and Borough Police Act
11. Describe the forensic developments in policing in the 20th and 21st centuries
12. Describe the role of Police Community Support Officers

Topic Area 4 – Methods of Combatting Crime

1. Describe the role of tithings in the medieval period
2. Describe the role of Parish Constables and Watchmen
3. Describe the role of the JP in the Tudor period
4. Describe the role of the 'Charley'
5. Describe the development of the Bow Street Runners
6. Explain why Peel set up the Metropolitan Police Force
7. Describe the initial role of the Metropolitan Police Force in combatting Crime
8. Describe the impact of new transport and communication methods for the police in the twentieth and twenty first century
9. Describe the specialisation in the police force in the twentieth and twenty first century
10. Describe in the developments in community policing from the 1980s

Topic Area 5 – Methods of Punishment

1. Describe the methods of punishment used in the Saxon and Medieval period

2. Describe the use of Wergild in the Saxon and Medieval period
3. Describe the Trials used in the Saxon and Medieval period
4. Describe the use of Corporal and Capital Punishment in the Early Modern period
5. Explain the development of prisons in the Early Modern Period
6. Describe the treatment of vagabonds in the Tudor period
7. Describe the use of public punishments up to the 19th century
8. Describe the use of transportation between the 1770s and 1860s
9. Describe the separate and silent systems
10. Describe the impact of Elizabeth Fry on prisons
11. Describe the impact of prison reformers Howard and Paul
12. Describe the alternative methods to prison used in the twentieth and twenty first century

Topic Area 6 - Attitudes to Crime and Punishment

1. Describe the attitude towards punishments in the Medieval era
2. Describe the attitude towards punishment in the Early Modern era
3. Explain why public punishment was used in the Medieval, Early Modern and Modern period.
4. Explain why transportation was used in the 18th century
5. Explain why the Bloody Code was abolished in the 19th Century
6. Explain why prisons were used more from the 18th century
7. Describe the use of borstals
8. Explain why young people are treated differently to adults in prison
9. Describe the use of open prisons
10. Outline the use of probation, parole and community service
13. Describe the abolition of the death penalty in the twentieth century
14. Outline the Timothy Evans case
15. Outline the Derek Bentley case
16. Write a definition for each of the following: retribution, deterrence, humiliation, banishment, rehabilitation, restitution
17. Outline how punishment has changed over time
18. Outline how attitudes to punishment have changed over time

Topic Area 7 - East End of London

1. Describe the problems caused by rookeries in the East End of London
2. Describe the issue of poor housing in the East End of London
3. Describe the poor living conditions in the East End of London
4. Describe life in the workhouse
5. Describe the changes to the living conditions in the East End of London (Peabody Estate, Charles Booth etc.)

6. Describe the problems for the police in the East-End of London
7. Describe the problems in the East End of London
8. How did the conditions in the East End of London raise awareness of the causes of crime?
9. Explain why conditions in the East End led to crime
10. Explain why crime increased in the East End in the late 19th century
11. Explain why policing was ineffective in the East of London
12. Explain the changes to policing that took place as a result of the crime in the East End of London