

9. Year 12 Subjects 2011 (Humanities)

VCE History: Revolutions Units 3&4

Units 3 and 4: History - Revolutions

Background:

Revolutions in history have been reconsidered and debated by historians. The study of a revolution should consider differing perspectives and the reasons why different groups have made different judgments of the history of the revolution. In this course, students will study the following revolutions – one in each semester:

- The Russian Revolution
- The Chinese Revolution

Areas of Study:

The areas of study are the same each semester.

- Revolutionary ideas, leaders, movements and events – the periods of study will be:
 - Russian Revolution 1905 to October 1917 (Bloody Sunday to the Bolshevik Revolution)
 - Chinese Revolution 1898 to 1949 (100 Days Reform to the Triumph of Mao)
- Creating a new society – the periods of study will be:
 - Russian Revolution November 1917 to 1924 (Initial decrees to the death of Lenin);
 - Chinese Revolution 1949 to 1976 (Communist Revolution to the death of Mao).

Assessment:

The assessments are the same each semester.

- Outcome 1 - Students should be able to evaluate the role of ideas, leaders, movements and events in the development of the revolution.
- Outcome 2 - Students should be able to analyse the challenges facing the emerging new order, and the way in which attempts were made to create a new society, and evaluate the nature of the society created by the revolution.

Assessment Break-Down:

The following four assessment tasks must be taken over Units 3 and 4:

- research report
- analysis of visual and/or written documents
- historiographical exercise
- essay.
- Teachers get to choose the order of the assessment tasks.

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Graded Assessment – Units 3 and 4

- Unit 3 School-Assessed Coursework: 25%
- Unit 4 School-Assessed Coursework: 25%
- Unit 3 and 4 End-of-year Examination: 50%

Other Information

- History: Revolutions does NOT have a mid-year Exam, but a Practice Exam is held during the third week of the July term break. Other practice exams are also held during Semester Two. It is important that students take every opportunity to ready themselves for the final examination.

Entry – Units 3 and 4

There are no entry requirements for students to get into Unit 3 History: Revolutions. However, it is preferable if students complete one or both of Unit 1 and 2 History OR Units 1 and 2 International Politics prior to attempting to complete the Unit 3 and 4 progression. Students must complete Unit 3 before completing Unit 4.