



	TOPIC	CONTENT
	<b>The First World War</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causes of the war (assassination of Franz Ferdinand, colonial ambitions, The Balkans, Kaiser Wilhelm, The Alliance System)</li> <li>• War comes to the West – The Schlieffen Plan</li> <li>• Start of the war – Mons case study.</li> <li>• Recruitment to the British Army.</li> <li>• Why did Trench warfare develop?</li> <li>• Life in the Trenches</li> <li>• The nature of Trench warfare (machine guns, artillery, mines, over the top)</li> <li>• Was the battle of the Somme a disaster?</li> <li>• The War at Sea</li> <li>• The Gallipoli Campaign</li> <li>• Interpretations of Haig.</li> <li>• The Russian revolution.</li> <li>• How did the war end for Germany?</li> <li>• The Treaty of Versailles (terms, reaction and consequences)</li> </ul>
	<b>The Rise of Hitler</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effects of WW1 on Germany?</li> <li>• Origins of the Nazi Party</li> <li>• The Munich Putsch</li> <li>• Mein Kampf – Hitler’s vision</li> <li>• Failures of the Weimar Republic</li> <li>• Who voted for the Nazis and why?</li> <li>• Skills qualities and personality of Hitler.</li> <li>• The role of individuals: Schliecher, Von Papen and Hindenburg.</li> <li>• Hitler becomes dictator – The Reichstag fire</li> </ul>
	<b>The Second World War</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A personal study on the major events of the war.</li> </ul>
	<b>The Cold War</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Origins of the Cold war – WW2 and its immediate aftermath</li> <li>• How the Yalta and Potsdam conferences caused tension</li> <li>• Russian expansion in Eastern Europe</li> <li>• Marshal plan and the Truman doctrine</li> <li>• The Berlin Blockage</li> <li>• NATO and the Warsaw Pact</li> <li>• The origins and nature of the Berlin Wall</li> <li>• The Korean War.</li> </ul>
	<b>JFK Assassination</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and ideas of JFK</li> <li>• The Cuban Missile crisis and tension with Cuba</li> <li>• The early years of the Vietnam war</li> <li>• Lone gunman, Lee Harvey Oswald and the Magic Bullet Theory</li> <li>• The Warren commission</li> <li>• Alternative hypotheses.</li> </ul>