Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Ancient History and Modern History 2024 and 2025 external assessment topics

Purpose

To notify schools of the topics nominated by the QCAA for external assessment (EA) in 2024 and 2025 for:

- Ancient History General Senior Syllabus 2019 v1.2
- Ancient History Alternative Sequence 2019 v1.2
- Modern History General Senior Syllabus 2019 v1.2
- Modern History Alternative Sequence 2019 v1.2.

Background

The syllabuses above specify that the QCAA will nominate the topics for external assessment at least 12 months before the external assessment is implemented. For Modern History, an 'aspect of the topic' is also specified.

Topic notifications for 2023 and 2024 were provided in memo 059/21.

Topic notifications are published in the Resources section of the relevant syllabus in the QCAA Portal.

Information

The Ancient History and Modern History EA topics for 2024 and 2025 are listed in the following tables.



General senior syllabuses and alternative sequences

Ancient History 2024 and 2025 EA topics

Year	Ancient History 2019 v1.2 General Senior Syllabus	Year	Ancient History 2019 v1.2 Alternative Sequence
2024	Unit 4 topic 12: Augustus	2024	AS Unit 4 topic 12: Augustus
2025	Unit 4 topic 11: Julius Caesar	2025	AS Unit 2 topic 5: Alexander the Great

Modern History 2024 and 2025 EA topics

Year	Modern History 2019 v1.2 General Senior Syllabus	Year	Modern History 2019 v1.2 Alternative Sequence
2024	Unit 4 Topic 1: Australian engagement with Asia since 1945 (World War II in the Pacific ends) Aspect of the topic: Australia and the Vietnam War	2024	Unit 4 Topic 1: Australian engagement with Asia since 1945 (World War II in the Pacific ends) Aspect of the topic: Australia and the Vietnam War
2025	Unit 4 Topic 1: Australian engagement with Asia since 1945 (World War II in the Pacific ends) Aspect of the topic: Australia and the Vietnam War	2025	Unit 2 Topic 8: Anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, 1948–1991 (apartheid laws start–apartheid laws end) Aspect of the topic: Strategies used to oppose apartheid in South Africa

What you need to do

Bring this memo to the attention of teachers of senior history subjects in your school.

Ensure teachers know that external assessment topic notifications for Ancient History and Modern History are published in the Resources section of the relevant syllabus in the QCAA Portal.

Finding out more

Please email the Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Area at HASS@qcaa.qld.ed.au, or phone (07) 3120 6173.

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