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Options: GCSE History



Why choose History GCSE?

- History is the study of the past.
- What we learn from our History is important as it teaches you where you come from, and how events have shaped the world you live in today!
- It also teaches you many skills!



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What is the History GCSE?

- We follow the Pearson EDEXCEL exam board.
- You will study 4 different units, which are assessed by 3 exams at the end of Year 11.

Paper One: Thematic study and the historic environment

- **Medicine in Britain 1250-present:** This thematic study analyses how healthcare and medicine have developed from the Middle Ages to the present day, including the Black Death, the Renaissance and the creation of the NHS.



Paper Two: Period study and British depth study

- **Early Elizabethan England 1558-1588:** This unit studies the first 30 years of Elizabeth I's reign. Topics include Mary, Queen of Scots, the Spanish Armada and rebellions against Elizabeth's rule.
- **Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-1991:** This period study looks at the changing relationship between America and the Soviet Union. Topics include the Berlin Wall, Cuban Missile Crisis and the collapse of Communism.



Paper Three: Modern depth study

- **Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939:** This unit looks at issues facing Weimar Germany such as the Treaty of Versailles and hyperinflation, and the rise of the Nazis and their economic and social policies.



What do the exams look like

- There will be essay questions, for example 12-mark explain questions.
- There will also be questions using sources and interpretations.

2 Explain why the use of propaganda helped the Nazis to control the attitudes of the German people in the years 1933–39.

(12)

You **may** use the following in your answer:

- newspapers
- Nazi rallies

You **must** also use information of your own.

(b) Study Interpretations 1 and 2.

They give different views about the reasons why Hitler became Chancellor in 1933.

What is the main difference between these views?

Explain your answer, using details from **both** interpretations.

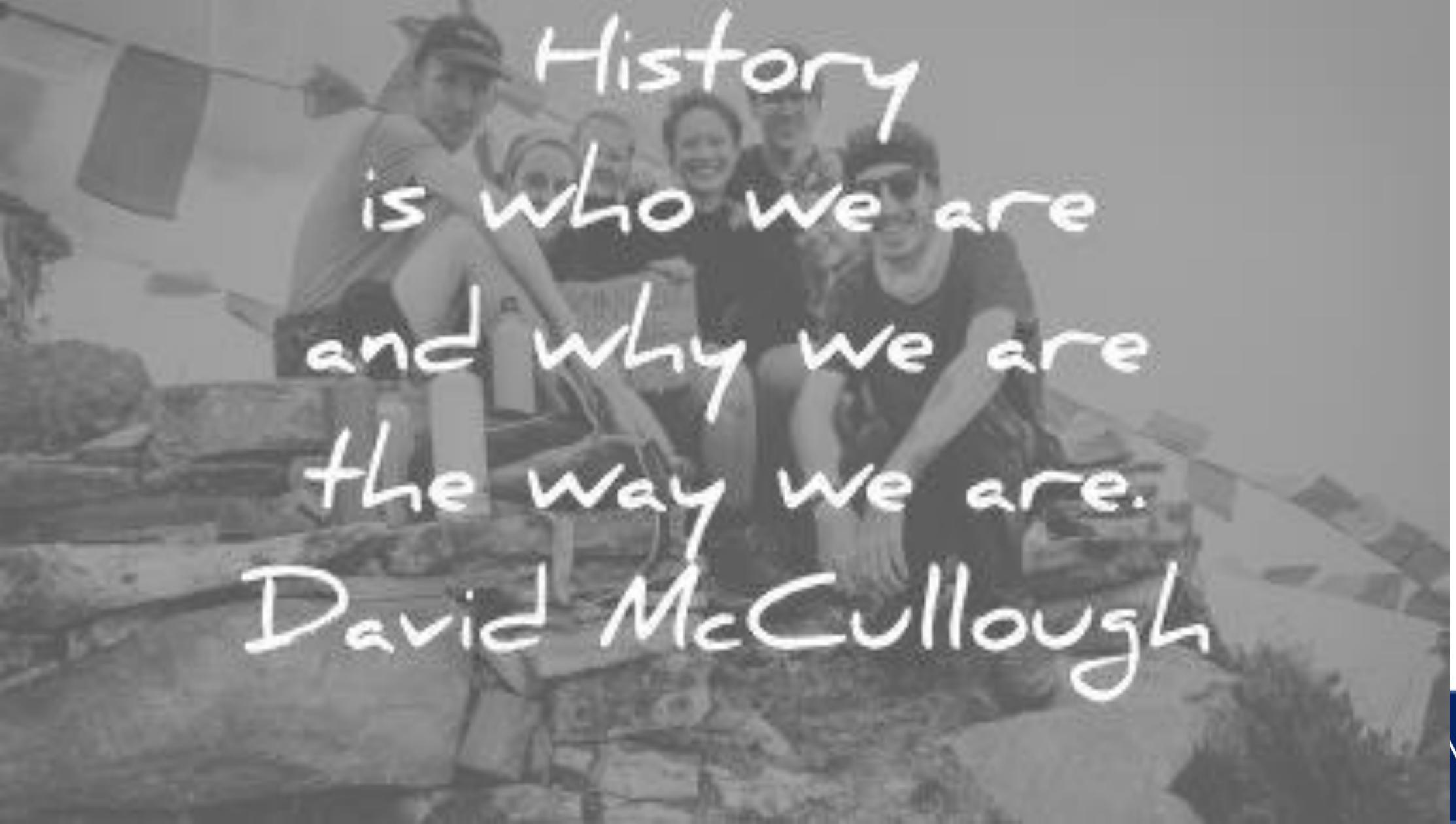
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What makes a good historian?

- Students interested in the past
- Students who like learning about stories
- Students who write essays and can analyse sources and interpretations
- Students who enjoy discussing the past

Further study and Careers

- A-Level History or Classics, degrees in History, Classics and Archaeology.
- Teaching
- Museums
- Historic houses
- Archaeologist
- Law
- Government and the Civil Service
- The media/journalism
- Police and Armed Forces
- Libraries



History
is who we are
and why we are
the way we are.

David McCullough

