

PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

"An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community"

Course: International Baccalaureate History Higher Level (IB History HL)

Group 3 History aims

The aims of the course are to enable students to:

- 1. Develop an interest and understanding of 20th century topics
- 2. Understand multiple perspectives on historical concepts
- 3. Promote international-mindedness
- 4. Develop historical consciousness including a sense of chronology and context
- 5. Engage effectively with primary and secondary sources
- 6. Increase students' understanding of current global issues by reflecting on the past

Group 3 History Assessment objectives

Students will be expected to demonstrate the following.

- 1. Knowledge and understanding of historical concepts and sources
- 2. Formulate clear and coherent arguments and effectively support your position with relevant knowledge and interpretation of a variety of sources
- 3. Integrate evidence and analysis to produce coherent responses
- 4. Evaluate sources as historical evidence and synthesize this information
- 5. Demonstrate evidence of research skills, organization, referencing and selection of appropriate sources
- 6. Formulate an appropriate, focused question to guide a historical inquiry



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Group 3 (History) Topics

Syllabus component	Teaching
All topics are compulsory. Students must study all topics to prepare for the Paper	hours
exams administered by IB.	SL/HL
Topic 1 : The Interwar Period: Diplomacy in Europe	20
Topic 2 : The Move to Global War	40
Topic 3 : Hitler and the Rise of Third Reich	15
Topic 4: World War Two	20
Topic 5 : The Cold War	120
Topic 6 : The Soviet Union	65
Course exploration	20
Internal assessment on a historical investigation students choose themselves	
Total teaching hours (three semesters over two years)	300

Evaluation

Assessment Component	Weighting
External Assessment	80%
Paper 1	20%
Source-based paper based on the move to Global War case studies. Answer	
four structured questions. (24 marks)	
Paper 2	25%
Two essay papers. One based on authoritarian states and one on the Cold	
War.	
(30 marks)	35%
Paper 3	
Three essay questions based on the Soviet Union, diplomacy in Europe and,	
European states in the inter-war years. (45 marks)	
Internal Assessment	20%
Students will complete a historical investigation on the topic of their choice.	
This component will be internally assessed by the teacher and externally	
moderated by the IB.	

Resources: Primary and secondary resources both online and intext.