Modern History
General Year 11 and Year 12
Resource List
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Resource List

There are no set texts for Modern History. The following resources are organised by unit.

Note: Links included to online material will direct you to websites outside the School Curriculum and Standards Authority site. The Authority has no control over the content of materials accessible on the sites that are cross-referenced. It is the responsibility of the user to make decisions about the relevance and accuracy, currency and reliability of information found on these websites. Linking to these sites should not be taken as endorsement of any kind.

Unit 1 - People, place and time

Napoleon, the Revolution and the Empire

This text covers key topics of the French Revolution and is suitable for senior students. Incorporates primary sources.

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This is a comprehensive text that covers key topics of the revolution.

Discovery Education at: [http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/free.lesson-plans/napoleon.cfm](http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/free.lesson-plans/napoleon.cfm)

Napoleon - Revolution to Empire
An excellent resource provided by the National Gallery of Victoria.

George Washington and the American Revolution

An accessible text that covers the causes and consequences of the American Revolution between 1760 and 1800.

This text covers key topics of the American Revolution and incorporates primary sources.

A text of primary sources that covers key topics of the American Revolution with some commentary.


Text covers key topics of the American Revolution suitable for senior students incorporating primary sources.

**Nicholas II and the decline of Tsarism**


This text provides a comprehensive coverage of the narrative and incorporates photographs, primary sources, tables and pictorial approaches. Good as a teacher resource.


The text provides a general overview of the reign of each Tsar and a focus on Tsar Nicolas II. It includes detailed summary charts, maps and excellent primary sources. Good as a teacher resource.

Posters of the revolution for source analysis

Ehistory.osu.edu/osu/mmh/russian_revolution/

Search: Google images: Russian Revolution Propaganda posters


This e-library has been created specifically for senior secondary History students and includes access to an extensive database of materials for the French, Russian, American and Chinese revolutions.


**The Dowager Empress Cixi, the Boxer Rebellion and the Republic**

The Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding website provides *The Life of Empress Cixi*, a general overview of her life and rule as the ‘last Empress’ with links to the Boxer Rebellion.

At: http://www.sacu.org/cixi.html

**War History China (Boxer Rebellion), 1900–01**

The Australian War Memorial website provides an overview of the rebellion and Australian military involvement in the international force sent to subdue the rebellion.

At: https://www.awm.gov.au/atwar/boxer/
Charles Perkins, Eddie Mabo, Faith Bandler and others: Aboriginal advancement since the 1950s to the Apology

A text written specifically for senior students and incorporates primary sources.


This text is written specifically for senior students and incorporates primary sources and activities to build source analysis skills, including the concepts of perspectives and contestability.

The National Museum Australia Collaborating for Indigenous rights 1957–1973 website is an excellent resource and provides a timeline of developments, biographies of leading activists and education resources. The Resources section provides extensive primary source material including newspaper clippings, posters and government reports, correspondence and transcripts. The Teacher resources Units of Work include; Changing Indigenous Rights and Freedoms 1957–1975 and the 1967 Referendum.
At: http://indigenousrights.net.au/


Charles Perkins and the Freedom Ride
Produced by Education Services Australia, this collection of eight digital curriculum resources provides extensive material including film clips from Australian Screen and images, that trace Perkins and Aboriginal activism to 1993.

Nelson Mandela and the fight to end apartheid in South Africa
Nelson Mandela 1918–2000
This is an extensive teacher-developed resource that addresses historical context, background and Mandela’s rise to prominence. It includes a timeline of Mandela’s life and a glossary of terms. It provides excellent primary source material and questions for the classroom.

Local history
Northbridge History Project
This online package outlines the historical inquiry process and tools of investigation for local history. It provides extensive teacher and student support material including classroom activities to build Historical Skills. It also outlines a Northbridge investigation case study. The NHP CD was sent to schools and will be in the S&E/HASS office or in the library.
Western Australian Post Office Directories
The post office directories published by H. Pierssené and then by H. Wise & Co. provide lists of names and occupations of residents who lived in a particular town or street in WA between 1893–1949. Organised in alphabetical volumes, search by town or street.

The People of Western Australia – Statistics from the 2011 Census
This site provides current population data across the state in easy to use tables. Search by Perth suburb (Volume 1) or Regional Local Government Area (Volume 2) for data on birthplace, language, ancestry and religion. Material is organised alphabetically from Albany to York.

WA Community Profiles
These easy to use and current community profiles provide background information on migrant groups within our WA community and highlight WA’s cultural diversity. There are 29 diverse profiles outlining key social and economic characteristics of each community, including migration history and cultural backgrounds. Materials are organised alphabetically from Afghan to Vietnamese communities.

Discovering ANZACs
The National Archives of Australia, Your story, our Anzac history, has produced Discovering Anzacs which includes a Browse gallery, Timeline and Search by location; an interactive map of enlistments. An extensive and practical school and community toolkit provides lesson plans, worksheets and Anzac stories with links to specific materials, including information on the effects of war.
At: http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/browse/places

Vite Italiane: Italian Lives in Western Australia
This site includes migrant stories, an education resource kit and links to national and international sites.
At: http://www.italianlives.arts.uwa.edu.au

Heritage Perth
Models three local heritage walk trails.
Unit 2 – Power and authority

Imperial power and authority: the British in Australia and the Asia-Pacific

Imperial power and authority: the French in Indo-China

Imperial power and authority: the Dutch in the East Indies


The text is written specifically for senior secondary History students. It has a broad focus on European imperialism and colonisation across Asia and Africa between 1850–1914. The text includes extensive primary source material and opportunities to build Historical Skills, and provides a specific chapter on Vietnam under French rule to 1940.

International authority: The League of Nations and the United Nations

The official United Nations site has links to peacekeeping and anti-terrorism.

The History Learning Site

This site provides a summary of the League of Nations, including its background, organisation, weaknesses, political successes and failures and social success. It includes links to associated materials.

Authoritarian state: Tokugawa Japan


This text contains documents of various types. It goes beyond the Meiji era. Diverse documents integrated into the narrative in the first four of eight chapters. Useful as a teacher reference.


ISBN 0393041565

Begins with Tokugawa Japan with useful chapter headings and index to facilitate finding information. More useful as a reference than a classroom text.


ISBN 9780733901638

This text was written specifically for students. It covers a broader sweep of Japanese history than the course requires.


ISBN 9780415418713

This text covers the Tokugawa period through to the present day. It includes social and political forces for change. It is suitable as a student/teacher resource.
Japan under Shogun and Emperor
Produced by Education Services Australia, this online collection of 11 digital resources includes extensive source material and background notes on Japan in the late Shogunate and early Meiji periods.
At: http://ecm.det.wa.edu.au/connect/resolver/view/R12045/latest/m006698.html

Edo-Matsu-Welcome to Edo
Produced by the National Association of Japan-America Societies, this is an engaging site where students interact with the information and find their own way around the period.
At: http://www.us-japan.org/edomatsu/index.html

The Four-Tiered Class System of Feudal Japan
At: http://asianhistory.about.com/od/japan/p/ShogJapanClass.htm

Tokugawa Japan 1603–1868
This site provides a brief introduction to the different classes in the society.
At: http://www.wsu.edu/~dee/tokjapan/shogun.htm

Asia for Educators
Created by Columbia University, this site provides links to sources/videos/lesson plans, especially on government and social classes.
At: http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/tps/1450_jp.htm#social

Authoritarian state: Communist Russia/USSR 1917–1953

Replaces: Communist Russia under Lenin and Stalin. Comprehensive coverage of the narrative and incorporates photographs, primary sources, tables and pictorial approaches.

This text provides extensive keynote summaries beginning with Russia before the revolution to the end of the Great Terror. It includes case studies on Leon Trotsky and Alexandra Kollontai. Suitable as a teacher reference book.

A comprehensive coverage of the period. Well set out under headings within each chapter. Tables and statistics used extensively. Incorporates source material and has useful revision questions at the end of each chapter.

A comprehensive text that is directed to Year 12 students. It includes a chapter on the ideas of the revolution and useful and diverse source materials.
Authoritarian state: Cuba 1952–1990s

ISBN-10: 1405187735
This text provides a socio-historical overview of the revolution and its social impact on the lives of ordinary people from both US and Cuban perspectives.

ISBN-10: 0822331977
This volume presents an extensive collection of source material including songs, images, government reports, speeches, cartoons, testimonials and extracts written by historians and journalists. It includes many pieces about 20th century Cuba. Useful as a teacher resource.

ISBN-10: 0300111142
Written from a British perspective, this book traces Cuban history from pre-Columbian origins to the present day. Useful as a teacher reference.
Unit 3 – Societies and change

The Industrial Revolution in Great Britain 1750–1890s
This text was written specifically for senior students and incorporates primary sources and activities to build source analysis skills.

The following three websites have links to specific topics related to the Industrial Revolution which incorporate primary sources:
http://www.historyteacher.net/APEuroCourse/weblinks/weblinks-IndustrialRevolution
http://www.spartacus-educational.com/IndustrialRevolution.htm

Australia 1914–1949
This text provides extensive keynote summaries beginning with the late 19th century to end of the Chifley years. Suitable as a teacher reference book.

This text was written specifically for senior students and incorporates primary sources and activities to build source analysis skills.

Written for secondary students, the text has been expanded to include more material on social changes in Australia such as post-war immigration.

This text includes a variety of source types, a range of supporting activities, a student CD-Rom and a Teacher Resource package.

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Education Services Australia provides an extensive digital collection of materials suitable for use in the senior secondary History classroom. Each resource includes extensive primary source materials and background notes. These include:

- Enlistment and recruitment in the First World War
Provides nine digital resources including 17 posters, numerous photographs, newsreel footage and material on recruitment parades and events.

- **Australians in the Sinai and Palestine campaigns (1916–18)**
  This has a focus on ‘the desert war’ of World War I including original file footage and a scene from the film ‘Forty Thousand Horsemen’.

- **Exploring the topic Anzacs**
  Provides six classroom lessons based on stories, poetry and research.

- **Effects of World War I on Australia**
  Provides 22 digital resources including the role of women, conscription, propaganda the War Precautions Act and the general strike of 1917.

- **Women on the homefront in the Second World War**

- **Children on the home front during the Second World War in Australia**
  Provides 14 digital resources with a focus on the roles, activities and experiences of children during WWII.

- **Western Front**
  Provides original and recent World War I film footage, photographs and paintings depicting trench warfare, behind the front line, caring for casualties and aerial combat.

- **Japanese threat to Australia, 1941–43**
  Provides 24 digital curriculum resources including the fall of Singapore, Japanese air attacks, oral history and archival footage.

- **The US presence in Australia during World War II**
  Provides material on US personnel, equipment and supplies, and social interaction.

- **White Australia Policy**
  Provides 17 digital resources outlining the development and decline of the policy, from initial racism to its dismantling in the 1960s.
The Meiji Restoration 1853−1911
This text contains documents of various types. It goes beyond the Meiji era. Diverse documents are integrated into the narrative in the first four of eight chapters.

This text begins with Tokugawa Japan and provides a detailed narrative of the Meiji era. More useful as a teacher reference than a classroom text.

This text was written specifically for students. It covers a broader sweep of Japanese history than the course requires; however, it is excellent for teaching the reasons for the Meiji Restoration and the events which followed the restoration.

This text covers the Tokugawa period through to the present day. It is suitable as a teacher resource.

The following is an excellent site on the background leading to the Meiji restoration. At: http://www.thecorner.org/hist/japan/meiji1.htm

The USA between the wars 1918−1941
This text contains chapters detailing the social, political and economic developments up to 1954. The focus is on Presidents, particular policies and events.

This text is written specifically for students and explores the three major themes of civil rights, foreign policy, and industrial growth and change.

Provides a detailed focus on economic and social developments and the New Deal. There is little emphasis on foreign policy.

India 1919−1948 – a study of the end of the British Empire
This text covers ‘monsoon Asia’ including India, China, Korea, Japan and Southeast Asia from early times to the present. It includes illustrations, primary sources and maps and is appropriate as a teacher resource.
This text was written specifically for senior students and outlines a broad history of South Asia. It traces the development of colonial India to modern India including the emergence of nationalism, independence and partition. It incorporates many primary and secondary sources, and activities to build history skills.

_India: A Country Study_
This website contains numerous chapters on the British Empire in India, including the Sepoy Rebellion, Mahatma Gandhi and the Independence Movement. At: [http://countrystudies.us/india/](http://countrystudies.us/india/)
Unit 4 – Historical trends and movements

Post-war decolonisation movements in Algeria or Congo or Vietnam or Indonesia or East Timor


Women’s movements in the 20th century
Galbally, M. (2015). Women’s Movements. South Melbourne, Victoria: Nelson Cengage LearningISBN 9780170244022 This text is written specifically for senior students and incorporates primary sources. It addresses the origins of modern women’s movements and provides case studies for suffrage in New Zealand, Australia and Britain. Also included is the impact of World War I and II, and changes from the late 1960s.

Women’s suffrage in Australia
Produced by Education Services Australia, this collection of 20 digital education resources covers the struggle for women to gain the right to vote in Australia during the 19th and 20th centuries. Cartoons, legislation, newspapers and other documents provide extensive primary source material.

Nazism in Germany 1918–1945


Elliott, B.J. (1998). Hitler and Germany. New York: Longman ISBN 058203793X This is an accessible text for all students and includes primary sources.


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This text provides extensive keynote summaries covering the rise of Hitler to the outbreak of World War II. It includes two case studies; Leni Riefenstahl and Albert Speer. Suitable as a teacher reference book.

This text is written specifically for senior students and incorporates primary sources and questions to build History Skills.

The Holocaust
Produced by Education Services Australia, this resource provides 11 digital resources including photographs, artefacts and documentary footage.

This website below is a useful starting point for student’s Historical Inquiry as it covers the Germany 1918–1945 period in detail.

A useful site for documents, particularly images.

This site provides photos and propaganda posters not commonly found which are ideal for source analysis tasks.

The civil rights movement in the USA 1941–1971
Accessible to students, this text examines the struggle for African-American rights as well as those of other minority groups in the USA. It draws on a wide range of sources.

This text, which is written specifically for students, is available through HTAV or La Trobe University.

Written for students, this text traces the development of African-American civil rights including the segregation of the 1950s; the radicalisation of the movement in the 1960s; and the latest historical interpretations of the major themes.

This text was written for senior secondary students and traces the civil rights movement in America from World War I to the election of President Obama. Information on key events and individuals is provided, as are primary sources and questions to build History Skills.


This text was written specifically for students. It uses a skills centred, source based approach.

**Terrorism and peace movements 1946–2001**

The official United Nations site has links to peacekeeping and anti-terrorism.

**The United Nations as Peacekeeper 1945–2001**

The NSW HSC online resource provides a student-friendly summary of the origins and early challenges of the United Nations that includes:
- reasons for the creation of the UN
- key provisions and articles of the Charter of the UN and the Declaration of Human Rights
- the Security Council, General assembly, Secretariat and the role of the veto
- impact of the creation of Israel, Communist China and the Korean War.
At: [http://hsc.csu.edu.au/modern_history/international_studies/united/4371/origins.htm](http://hsc.csu.edu.au/modern_history/international_studies/united/4371/origins.htm)

Global terrorism Index 2014: Measuring and understanding the impact of terrorism
The website provides extensive material including data, maps and graphs. There are one-page summaries of Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Syria, India, Somalia, Yemen, Philippines and Thailand. The trends and characteristics of terrorism are outlined, as are terrorist group case studies and a comparison of terrorist organisations. This is an excellent site for source material.
At: [http://www.visionofhumanity.org/sites/default/files/Global%20Terrorism%20Index%20Report%202014_0.pdf](http://www.visionofhumanity.org/sites/default/files/Global%20Terrorism%20Index%20Report%202014_0.pdf)

The two websites below provide access to a large number of interrelated sites on terrorism.
At: [http://www.terrorism.com/](http://www.terrorism.com/)
At: [www.carnegieendowment.org/npp/terrorism.cfm](http://www.carnegieendowment.org/npp/terrorism.cfm)
Generalist texts for the course

Chapters include:
- The Reign of Terror in France, 1792–94
- The Indian Mutiny, 1857
- The Decline and Fall of the Romanov Dynasty
- Decolonisation in Indochina, 1945–54
- The Cuban Revolution, 1959–62
- The Civil Rights Movement in the United States

Chapters include:
- History, Inquiry and You
- Did Australia ‘come of age’ in World War I?
- How did the Nazi’s transform Germany?
- Was 1941 a turning point in Australian foreign policy?
Contextual Studies (3–5 page summaries) include:
- Revolutions in ideas
- The age of Imperialism
- Decolonisation in the twentieth century
- The USSR
- Australia since 1901

Chapters include:
- How did India achieve its Independence?
- How have war and revolution shaped Vietnam?
- Has white Australia a black history?
- Industrialisation and the environment: A history
- Changing gender relationships: A history (Australia and global)

Chapters include:
- Australia in the world: fears, threats and policies
- East Timor: principle versus pragmatism
- Indigenous Australia: the struggle for justice
- The transformation of Vietnam: war, peace and globalisation
- Gender relations: success and backlash
Useful websites for Australian History

Australian War Memorial
The Memorial site has a focus on Australians at War: WWI, WWII, Korean War, South-East Asian conflicts including Vietnam, as well as peace keeping operations post Cold War. It provides an official military history of Australia with detailed information about the army, navy and air force. This site could help teachers to identify material for use in source analysis as it provides links to primary and secondary sources.
At: www.awm.gov.au

Department of Immigration
Current and historical information about immigration is available on this site. Its strength is the tables of statistics which can be used in document studies or for providing evidence when presenting an argument in history.

Education Services Australia
ESA was established in 2010 through the merger of the Curriculum Corporation and Education.au, and is owned by all Australian state education ministers. The company was established to support the delivery of national priorities and initiatives in education.
At: www.esa.edu.au

Film Australia
This site has been structured for use by teachers and students. A starting point would be to use either the ‘digital resource finder’ or the links to digital websites.

National Archives of Australia
Teachers and students can access information through fact sheets including migration, defence and Indigenous history. This site can be used to access Commonwealth government records. The Vroom site has been specifically designed for school use.
At: www.naa.gov.au

National Centre for History Education
This website is suitable for both primary and secondary teachers. It builds on current research in both the teaching of history and how students learn history. Making History includes a focus on historical literacy. Teachers can explore specific areas of history such as narrative in history, using film in history, working with evidence, and multiple intelligences.
At: http://www.hyperhistory.org

National Library of Australia
The National Library of Australia maintains and develops the national collection of library material, including a comprehensive collection of materials relating to Australia and the Australian people.
At: www.nla.gov.au/collect/

National Trust of Australia (WA)
Valuing heritage provides information about WA heritage locations and excursion management advice for each location. Samples of teaching resources are included. This site supports a focus on Units 1A and 2A of the Modern History course and the Australian Curriculum: History.
At: http://www.valuingheritage.com.au
State Library of Western Australia
The State Library and, in particular, the Battye Library is the main repository for the history of Western Australia. This site has links to the State Records Office and Aboriginal Affairs records. It also includes a large pictorial collection. It is an ideal site for student historical inquiries and sources for document studies.
At: www.slwa.wa.gov.au

The Australian History of Biography
This is the online version of the Australian National Biography. It contains biographies of a range of significant historical people. Entry is through searching by people, occupations or authors. Advance search options are available and these enable searching through terms such as cultural heritage and religious influences.
At: www.adb.online.anu.edu.au

The Learning Federation
This is now part of Education Services Australia. It has a large amount of source material. When accessing some other sites you may find links made back to this site (e.g. when visiting http://www.hyperhistory.org you can access part of the Learning Federation site).
At: www.thelearningfederation.edu.au

The National Portrait Gallery
An interesting program about the interpretation of photographs is available on this site. It has a fully developed classroom program which could be used by teachers with Stage 1 and Stage 2 students.

Useful general History websites

Scootle
Scootle provides access to extensive and varied History resources including Historical inquiry, source material, interviews and images.
At: https://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/browse?topic=%22History%22&rts=1441779400714

Splash ABC
There are some excellent news clips and interviews, cartoons, photos and summaries grouped by topic available on this website. Suitable for use in senior classes, Digibooks provide a variety of relevant source materials on topics including; the Home Front, Conscription in the 20th century, the White Australia Policy, Ghettos: the struggle to live, and National Sorry Day. Teacher resources such as Moments in Time and the US civil rights movement are also extensive.
At: http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/resources/-/history

BBC – educational resources from the BBC
This site contains useful introductions for electives in both ATAR and General Modern History.
At: http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/

BBC History
This site contains:
- British history
- colonisation
• industrial revolution
• World War I and II

Included in the WWI section:
• War and Revolution in Russia
• Australia in WWI

Included in the WWII section:
• material on the rise of Hitler
• a Holocaust timeline
• the use of the Bomb
• the contribution of the ‘colonies’
• the Cold War to 1991
At: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/

NSW HSC Website resources
This site provides excellent teacher-developed resources for Modern History including National Studies, Personalities in the Twentieth Century and International Studies in Peace and Conflict. An extensive summary of websites is also provided.
At: http://hsc.csu.edu.au/modern_history/#119013

The following three websites cover a number of relevant topics for Modern History including:
• The French Revolution
• The Industrial Revolution
• Military history including the World Wars and the Vietnam War
• The Meiji Restoration
• Russia 1860–1945 including specific sections on the Russian Revolution
• USA 1840–1960 including specific sections on the Depression and the New Deal
• Germany 1900–1945 including specific sections on Nazi Germany
• Totalitarianism 1919–1939
• The Civil Rights movement
• The Cold War

The Corner of the World
At: http://www.funfront.net/history.htm

Internet Modern History Sourcebook – Fordham University
At: http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html

Spartacus educational
At: http://www.spartacus-educational.com

Professional associations

• History Teachers Association of Western Australia
  HTAWA provides support for both teachers and students through conferences, professional development, student seminar days and support materials.
  At: www.htawa.org
• **The History Teachers Association of Australia**
  This national association provides information and links to each state association and provides support for the national conference each year.
  At: [http://www.historyteacher.org.au](http://www.historyteacher.org.au)

**Journals**

• *Bulletin* published four times a year by HTAWA. Available as part of the membership.
  At: [www.htawa.org](http://www.htawa.org)

• *Hindsight* published once a year by HTAWA. Available as part of the membership.
  At: [www.htawa.org](http://www.htawa.org)

• *Teaching History Journal* published by the History Teachers' Association of NSW. Available as part of the membership, but also available for purchase.

• *Agora* published four times a year by HTAV. Available as part of the membership, but also available for purchase.
  At: [http://www.htav.asn.au/about/list/asset_id/6/cid/14/parent/0/t/about](http://www.htav.asn.au/about/list/asset_id/6/cid/14/parent/0/t/about)

• *Teaching History Journal* The Historical Association (UK).
  At: [http://www.history.org.uk/about/index.php?id=43](http://www.history.org.uk/about/index.php?id=43)

**State courses and documents**

Relevant information can be found in interstate curriculum. Once you have accessed the site, follow the links to the particular area you want to access at: