

Your Route to Results

Key information, revision tips and the NEA timeline for students and parents

Germany 1871–1991

Wars of the Roses 1450–1499

Historical Investigation (NEA)

The course at a glance

PAPER 1 • 1L • BREADTH STUDY

The Quest for Political Stability: Germany, 1871–1991

40% • 80 marks • 2 hrs 30 mins

May 2027

Section A: three historians' extracts — how convincing is each interpretation? (30)

Section B: two essays from a choice of three (25 each)

PAPER 2 • 2B • DEPTH STUDY

The Wars of the Roses, 1450–1499

40% • 80 marks • 2 hrs 30 mins

May 2027

Section A: three primary sources — assess their value to a historian (30)

Section B: two essays from a choice of three (25 each)

COMPONENT 3 • NEA • COURSEWORK

Historical Investigation

20% • 40 marks • 3,000–3,500 words

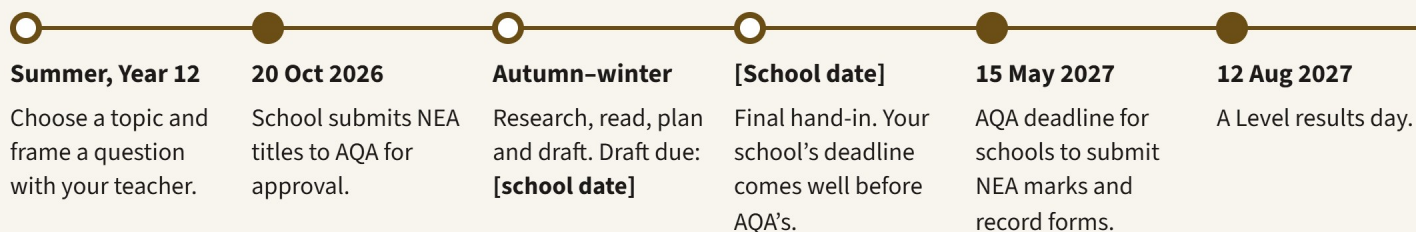
AQA deadline: 15 May 2027

An independently researched essay on a question covering **about 100 years**, using primary sources and historians' views.

Must not overlap 1450–1499 or 1871–1991. School-marked, AQA-moderated.

NEA timeline

● National (AQA) deadline ○ School deadline



Revision that works: tips for students

- Know the question.** Extracts (Paper 1) test how convincing an argument is; sources (Paper 2) test their value — use provenance, content and tone.
- Practise against the clock.** Roughly 60 minutes for Section A and 45 per essay. Do full papers in timed conditions.
- Germany: think in 120 years.** Track change and continuity from the Kaiserreich through Weimar, the Nazi state, East and West Germany to reunification.
- Roses: know the people.** Henry VI, Margaret of Anjou, York, Warwick, Edward IV, Richard III, Henry VII — and why loyalties shifted.
- Retrieve, don't reread.** Flashcards, blank-page recall and self-quizzing, spaced out over weeks, beat highlighting notes.
- Think like an examiner.** Use AQA mark schemes and examiner reports: top answers sustain a clear judgement throughout.

How parents can help

Ask them to teach you. Explaining a topic aloud is one of the best forms of revision.

Plan together. A realistic timetable with breaks, and protected sleep, beats last-minute cramming.

Know the NEA rules. It must be their own work: encourage and check deadlines, but don't edit or write it.

Keep 23 June 2027 free. It is the national exam contingency

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Specification



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& mark schemes



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