

HISTORY ELECTIVE

History is a disciplined process of inquiry into the past that helps to explain how people, events and forces from the past have shaped our world. It allows students to locate and understand themselves and others on the continuum of human experience up to the present. History provides opportunities for students to explore human actions and achievements in a range of historical contexts. Students become aware that history is all around us and that historical information may be drawn from the physical remains of the past as well as written, visual and oral sources of evidence. The study of History provides students with an opportunity to critique the world in which they live, consider complex questions about human sin and be reminded of the need for a Saviour in Jesus Christ.

Objectives

Students will develop:

- a knowledge and understanding of history and historical inquiry
- a knowledge and understanding of past societies and historical periods
- skills to undertake the processes of historical inquiry
- skills to communicate their understanding of history.

Students will value and appreciate:

- history as a study of human experience
- the opportunity to develop a lifelong interest in and enthusiasm for history
- the nature of history as reflecting differing perspectives and viewpoints
- the opportunity to contribute to a just society through informed citizenship
- the contribution of past and present people to our shared heritage.

Course structure, content and requirements

Students may undertake either 100 or 200 hours of study in History Elective.

The History Elective course consists of three topics which include a range of options for study. The topics include:

- Topic 1: History, Heritage and Archaeology
- Topic 2: Ancient, Medieval and Modern Societies
- Topic 3: Thematic Studies

Content

Units to be studied at Covenant may include:

Year 9

- Myths and Legends (incorporating a study of Mycenae)
- Heroes and Villains
- Historical fiction

Year 10

- Film as history
- The USA to 1901 (incorporating a study of slavery)
- Personal research project.