

HISTORY PAPER 2: TOP TIPS

KNOW THE PAPER

Make sure you answer the correct questions. This paper will include questions from other topics. Only answer questions from Vietnam (A4) and China (B4).

TIMING

You have 90 minutes to answer all the questions. Roughly 1.5 minutes a mark. No one will tell you to move on to the next question. Manage your time carefully.

ANSWER THE QUESTION

For top marks, make sure that you have clearly answered the question. For example, if the question asks how far the sources agree, can you find a clear, straightforward answer to this is your work

STRUCTURE YOUR ANSWER

As well as revising the content, make sure you are taking the time to revise the structure of the answers. The easiest way to lose marks is to structure your answers in a way which don't meet the requirements of the mark scheme.

Your paragraph text

READ THE QUESTION

For the Vietnam section, you will have to read the sources carefully. Take the time to make sure you fully understand them. Highlight key words and phrases that support your answer.

BE SPECIFIC

For the knowledge question, make sure you have revised thoroughly so that you can be specific and avoid generalisations. If you can reference specific people, events, statistics or dates you will be able to reach the top of the marking scheme.