

National 5 Modern Studies

How to support young people studying for National 5 History – a guide for parents and carers.



Course Overview

There are three units in the National 5 Modern Studies course:

1. Democracy in Scotland



2. Crime and Law



3. World Power: USA



For more information on the course content, see pupil OneNotes or the SQA Course Specification

Expectations

Pupils are expected to:

- Follow the school vision and values.
- Come to class ready to learn – bring all resources with them (charged iPad and jotter).
- Complete all class work asked of them (and catch up if they are absent).
- Complete all homework on time.
- Revise for class tests and assessments.
- Ask for support if needed.

SQA Assessment



You are assessed in Modern Studies by a formal exam. This is worth 80 marks and will make up 80% of your final grade in Modern Studies

You are also assessed by an assignment. This is a research project which you will complete individually and send to the SQA. This is worth 20 marks and will make up 20% of your final grade.

Question Paper Structure

There are two main types of questions in N5 Mods

1. Knowledge and Understanding:

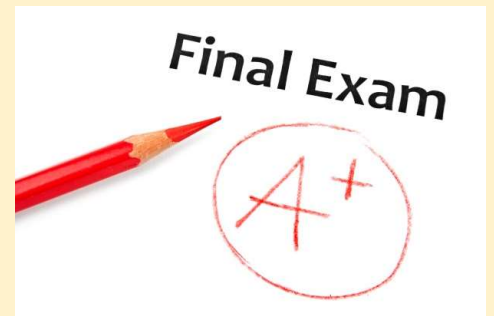
- Describe
- Explain

Questions with these command words will be worth 4, 6, or 8 marks.

2. Skills questions:

- Conclusion.
- Support and oppose.
- Options questions.

Questions with these command words will be worth 10 marks.



Assessment

There will be 2 tests per unit – 1 mid-unit and 1 end of unit. These tests will contain a KU questions and at least one Enquiry Skill question.

Pupils will always have **at least** 1 week's notice before sitting an assessment.

Time	Assessment
September	Crime and Law 1
October	Crime and Law 2
November	Democracy 1
December	Democracy 2
March	USA 1
April	USA 2

Helpful Resources

- Pupils have access to their Class Notebook via Teams and OneNote where they can access all course materials.
- Pupils can also access past papers on the SQA website - <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47448.html>
- Pupils can get in touch with their teacher via email to ask questions or request support.

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What happens if a young person does not have evidence to estimate a National 5 pass?

- The Modern Studies classes are mixed National 4 and 5 level classes.
- All pupils are working towards National 5 and following the National 5 course.
- Most, but not all students will pass the National 5 assessments.
- We will identify, from an early stage, any pupil who we think may need to 'bank' National 4 level unit passes, for potential presentation at National 4 level.
- Final decisions about presentation level will be made in the spring term.

How can you help?

- Provide support and encouragement - take an interest
- Check over work
- Quiz before a test
- Monitor progress and targets
- Provide time and a quiet space to study
- Health and well-being – encourage breaks, exercise and good sleep
- Help your young person with organisation and planning.
- Encourage attendance and punctuality

