

# Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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## Ancient History and Modern History 2024, 2025 and 2026 external assessment topics

### Purpose

To notify schools of the topics nominated by the QCAA for external assessment (EA) in 2024, 2025 and 2026 for:

- *Ancient History General Senior Syllabus 2019 v1.2*
- *Ancient History Alternative Sequence 2019 v1.2*
- *Ancient History General Senior Syllabus 2025 v1.0*
- *Ancient History Alternative Sequence 2025 v1.0*
- *Modern History General Senior Syllabus 2019 v1.2*
- *Modern History Alternative Sequence 2019 v1.2*
- *Modern History General Senior Syllabus 2025 v1.0*
- *Modern History Alternative Sequence 2025 v1.0*

### Background

The syllabuses above specify that the QCAA will nominate the topics for EA before it is implemented. For Modern History, an 'aspect of the topic' is also specified.

Topic notifications for 2024 and 2025 were provided in memo 054/23.

Topic notifications are published under Resources in the relevant syllabus on the QCAA Portal.

### Information

The Ancient History and Modern History EA topics for 2024, 2025 and 2026 are listed in the following tables. In 2026, schools choose from **one** of the two topics and, for Modern History only, the related aspect of the topic, as the focus for the EA.

## General senior syllabuses and alternative sequences

### Ancient History 2024, 2025 and 2026 EA topics

Year	Ancient History 2019 v1.2 General Senior Syllabus	Year	Ancient History 2019 v1.2 Alternative Sequence (AS)
2024	Unit 4, Topic 12: Augustus	2024	AS Unit 4, Topic 12: Augustus
2025	Unit 4, Topic 11: Julius Caesar	2025	AS Unit 2, Topic 5: Alexander the Great
Year	Ancient History 2025 v1.0 General Senior Syllabus	Year	Ancient History 2025 v1.0 Alternative Sequence (AS)
2026	Unit 4, Topic 2: Julius Caesar <b>OR</b> Unit 4, Topic 2: Cleopatra	2026	AS Unit 4, Topic 2: Julius Caesar <b>OR</b> AS Unit 4, Topic 2: Cleopatra

### Modern History 2024, 2025 and 2026 EA topics

Year	Modern History 2019 v1.2 General Senior Syllabus	Year	Modern History 2019 v1.2 Alternative Sequence (AS)
2024	Unit 4, Topic 1: Australian engagement with Asia since 1945 (World War II in the Pacific ends) <i>Aspect of the topic:</i> Australia and the Vietnam War	2024	AS Unit 4, Topic 1: Australian engagement with Asia since 1945 (World War II in the Pacific ends) <i>Aspect of the topic:</i> Australia and the Vietnam War
2025	Unit 4, Topic 1: Australian engagement with Asia since 1945 (World War II in the Pacific ends) <i>Aspect of the topic:</i> Australia and the Vietnam War	2025	AS Unit 2, Topic 8: Anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, 1948–1991 (apartheid laws start–apartheid laws end) <i>Aspect of the topic:</i> Strategies used to oppose apartheid in South Africa
Year	Modern History 2025 v1.0 General Senior Syllabus	Year	Modern History 2025 v1.0 Alternative Sequence (AS)
2026	Unit 4, Topic 4: Mass migrations since 1848 (California Gold Rush begins) <i>Aspect of the topic:</i> Migration from Asia to Australia, 1960s–1990s <b>OR</b> Unit 4, Topic 8: Cold War and its aftermath, 1945–2014 (Yalta Conference begins — Russo–Ukrainian War begins) <i>Aspect of the topic:</i> Reasons for the end of the Soviet Union, 1980s–1990s	2026	AS Unit 4, Topic 4: Mass migrations since 1848 (California Gold Rush begins) <i>Aspect of the topic:</i> Migration from Asia to Australia, 1960s–1990s <b>OR</b> AS Unit 4, Topic 8: Cold War and its aftermath, 1945–2014 (Yalta Conference begins — Russo–Ukrainian War begins) <i>Aspect of the topic:</i> Reasons for the end of the Soviet Union, 1980s–1990s

## What you need to do

Bring this memo to the attention of teachers of senior history subjects in your school.

Ensure teachers know that EA topic notifications for Ancient History and Modern History are published under Resources in the relevant syllabus on the QCAA Portal.

## Finding out more

Please email the Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Area at [HASS@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:HASS@qcaa.qld.edu.au) or phone (07) 3120 6173.

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