

# Top 10 Tips for 7-9 in History GCSE

- Timing

This is key to help you achieve the highest grade. **ALWAYS answer the big questions (16 and 20 marks) FIRST**



- Bullet Points

Use the bullet points on the Q paper to help focus your answer, however you **must include at least 1 additional point (and PEE) of your own** for an 7-9

- Chronology

Its History – you need to have a **full and accurate understanding of the order events happened in**. For example, the Ruhr was invaded and hyperinflation happened as a result, the Dawes Plan was before the Young Plan and both happened before the Wall Street Crash.

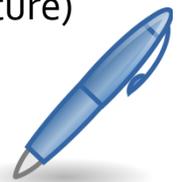


- Own knowledge

In source Qs on the Germany and Medicine papers you must use **your own knowledge to support the inferences you make** from each source in each question (apart from Q1). If you don't remember to do this you won't achieve a 4 let alone a 7-9

- Conclusions

In the conclusions to your essay Qs (the 16 and 20 mark ones) you must make a judgement that compares the importance of **more than 1 event** and if possible **make links between all 3 points**.(Use the JERC structure)



- Interpretations

In Q3b and 3c on the Germany paper, you must identify the **message** of EACH interpretation and support it clearly with **evidence** (a QUOTE). In Q3c, you **MUST** make it clear that the reason for the difference is that they are **partial extracts**

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- TWIGSCRACT

In the Medicine paper, it is **vital** that you use this acronym in your answer to the 12 and 16 mark Qs. It shows the examiner you are able to identify patterns of change and continuity across time

- PIMMS

When analysing the effects or impacts of an event it is a smart idea to organise your answers into categories such as **political, international, economic/money, military, social**. This is ANALYSIS – which is what you need to get your answers into L<sub>4</sub> of the markscheme



- The 'BIG PICTURE'

You need to understand and be able **to analyse the impact of key events** and how they link to the rest of your course. For example, the Treaty of Versailles is the root of all of Weimar Germany's problems, the Cuban Missile Crisis leads to a reducing of tensions and period of détente.



- WANT IT

If you want a 7-9 **you need to make it happen**. You need to attend revision sessions at lunch/afterschool and in half term holidays but, more importantly, you need to take responsibility for your own revision. This means answering exam Qs (and not just the easy ones!), making detailed revision notes and asking for help when you need it. It is hard work to achieve a the top grades in History but if you put the effort in you will have a grade to be very proud of for many years to come