

Ergänzungsfach History in English

Course Description

In this EF History in English major historical events and conflicts during the twentieth century will be placed in their historical contexts and the influence on our times will be examined.

Course Contents

The course will proceed in approximate chronological order, beginning at the end of the nineteenth century and continuing up through contemporary political debates. This course focuses on the history of the English speaking world, covering a number of selected areas which might include:

- American Foreign Policy in the 20th century
- The Irish Question and the Troubles of Northern Ireland
- Gender Issues: Past and Present
- India: From Colonisation to Independence
- The War in Vietnam
- South Africa: Apartheid and its Aftermath
- Pop Culture in the West and the Global Battle of Values: Rock music, sexual liberation, consumerism and anti-consumerism
- The Fight for Equal Rights in the USA
- Current political affairs

Pedagogical Objectives

- Sensitizing the students to the contextual setting of all historical work
- Providing a basis for a more sophisticated understanding of contemporary historical and political work
- Illustrating how old and new political conflicts emerge

Requirements

This course is primarily a History course and not a language class. In order to follow the course it is an advantage to have attended English as Grundlagenfach. If this is not the case, a personal application to the teacher in charge is required.

The course material and the tests are in English, in the Sekunda there is an extra lesson at the end of the day for students that feel they need some more help.

Further Questions

For further inquiries please contact Simon Eggiman at the Gymnasium Seeland or Peter Specogna at the Gymnasium Alpenstrasse Biel.