

Option complémentaire History in English

Course outline

Do you want to know more about John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Winston Churchill, Gandhi's use of non-violent non-cooperation against British rule in India? Have you ever wondered about the roots of the troubles in Northern Ireland, the origins of Apartheid in South Africa, the consequences of the American Civil War? Then this History in English course is tailored to suit you.

Every week, we will analyze an article and a cartoon taken from the news before devoting our time to our main area of study. The handouts, documents, tests, audio files and videos will be in English only and adjusted to your level of understanding. In grade 11, an extra lesson is offered to students who need more help with language problems.

The prevailing influence of English speaking countries over the world in the areas of culture, politics, economy and the media is a fact that we have to acknowledge, for better or for worse. A broader perspective of certain aspects of their history will make it easier for you to fully understand the world we are living in.

Course contents

- Gandhi and the Decolonization of India
 - The Irish Question and the Troubles in Northern Ireland
 - Australia: History, Politics and current Social Issues
 - The American Civil War from its Origins to Martin Luther King
 - Great-Britain during WWII
 - South Africa from Apartheid to the Liberation of Nelson Mandela
 - John Fitzgerald Kennedy: Myth and Reality
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- The course may yield to the pressure of major events. In the fall of 2010, we will be monitoring the parliamentary mid-term elections in the U.S.A.