What do I learn about?

You probably haven't experienced much Modern History at school—the last two years is the closest you get. Modern looks at what the rest of the world was doing for the last few centuries. From the tsars of Imperial Russia to the slaughter of the Western Front, to the police states of Nazi Germany and the communist world. Modern History looks at the people and events that make the world look like it does today.

The course begins by studying a range of case studies such as the creation of Israel, revolution in Russia, expansion of the US westwards and the conquest of Tibet. You also get to do your own investigation into a question you want to know about—and have it count for marks. In the last year of the subject, you study a personality, a country and a study in peace and conflict. Sounds interesting—choose this subject.

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Does it count for the HSC?
Definitely—and it is a category A subject at that. The subject is so well regarded that it has an extension course for the HSC that is all about the philosophy of History.

How do I know if I should do the course?
Do you love studying History—Do you find it interesting, go out of your way to watch some Discovery or History Channel show on a topic you are really into? Do you write well?
Passion + Skill + Teaching = Success.

What jobs can I get out of it?
Anything working with people, archaeologist, school teacher, museum curator, tour guide, heritage officer, university researcher, archivist... Ask your teacher how it would help you in the job you are after.

If you don’t know what has gone before, you are bound to repeat it