



History and Geography

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➤ Humanities

❑ Compulsory subject which comprises:

❑ Paper 1: Social Studies

❑ Paper 2 (*options*):

- History
- Geography
- Literature

➤ History

➤ Geography

Humanities (Social Studies)



- Enable a deeper understanding of the values which define Singapore society
- Nurture dispositions to inspire them to show concern for the society and the world in which they live
- Demonstrate empathy in their relationships with others



Humanities (History)

➤ 20th century world history

- Challenges to European Dominance after WW1, 1910s – 1942
 - Post-World War I context
 - Rise of Authoritarian Regimes: Nazi Germany and Militarist Japan
 - War in Europe and Asia (outbreak of WWII)
- Developments in the Post-WWII world: The Cold War, 1940s - 1991
 - War in Europe and Asia (end of WWII)
 - The Cold War (origins and development in Europe, Korean War, Vietnam War)
 - End of the Cold War (decline of the USSR and the end of the Cold War)



Humanities (History)



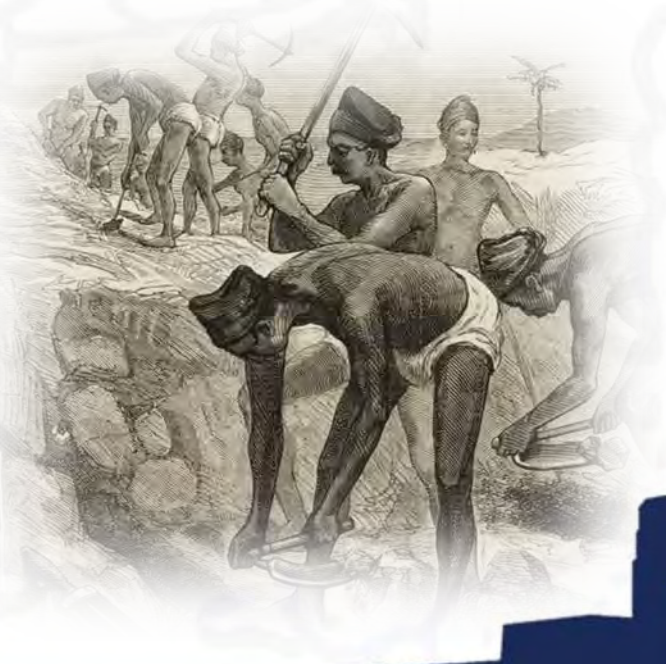
- Assessment:
 - One paper comprising:
 - Source-based question
 - Essay



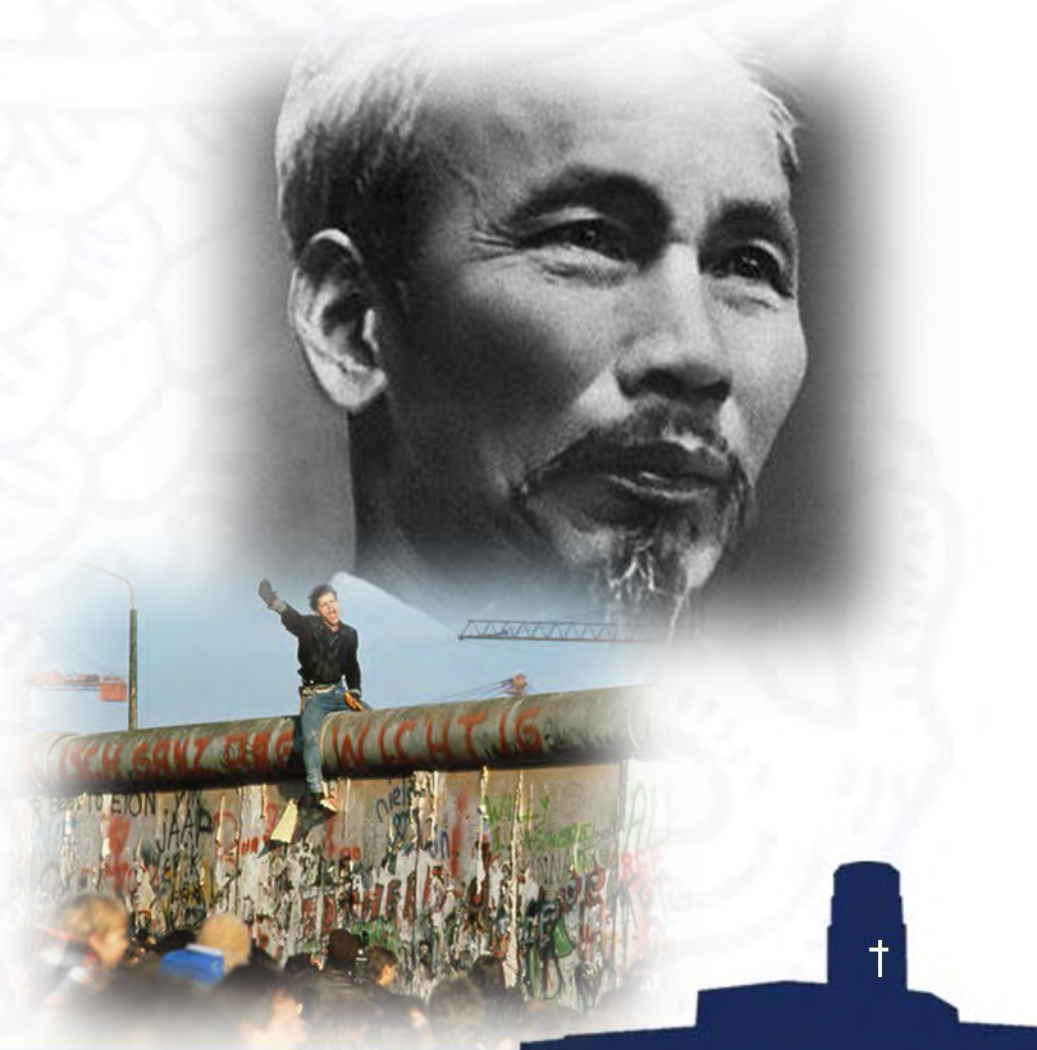


History

- Paper 1: Extension of European Control in Southeast Asia and Challenges to European Dominance, 1870s - 1942
 - Extension of European control in Southeast Asia: British Malaya and French Vietnam
 - After World War I: Paris Peace Conference and impact
 - Rise of Authoritarian Regimes: Nazi Germany and Militarist Japan
 - War in Europe and Asia: Outbreak of WWII in Europe and Outbreak of WWII in Asia-Pacific



- Paper 2: Developments in the Post-WWII World: Decolonisation and the Cold War (1940s – 1991)
 - War in Europe and Asia: Reasons for end of WWII
 - The Cold: Origins and development of the Cold War in Europe; Korean War; Vietnam War
 - Decolonisation and establishment of newly independent nations in Southeast Asia: British Malaya and French Vietnam
 - End of the Cold War: Decline of the USSR and the end of the Cold War



History - Assessment

- Two papers comprising:
 - Source-based question
 - Essay question



Why Study History?



“Historical education achieves a number of goals at once: it trains the mind, enlarges the sympathies, and provides a much-needed historical perspective on some of the most pressing problems of our time.”

John Tosh,
The Pursuit of History, 1991

Why Study History?




- Studying History enables you to be a disciplined and critical thinker



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How Can You Best Prepare for Harvard?

We hope you will read our thoughts about choosing high school courses that will provide a strong base for a liberal arts education. But in summary, we recommend:

- The study of English for four years: close and extensive reading of the classics of the world's literature
- Four years of a single foreign language
- The study of history for at least two, and preferably three years: American history, European history, and one additional advanced history course
- The study of mathematics for four years, including the particular topics described
- The study of science for four years: physics, chemistry, and biology, and preferably one of these at an advanced level
- Frequent practice in the writing of expository prose

Various important secondary school subjects, such as art and music, ...

FACTS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

\$0

Amount that parents making less than \$65,000 are expected to contribute.

90%

Ninety percent of American families would pay the same or less to send their children to Harvard as they would a state school.

[See the facts](#)

Why Study History?



➤ Studying History enables you to be a global citizen



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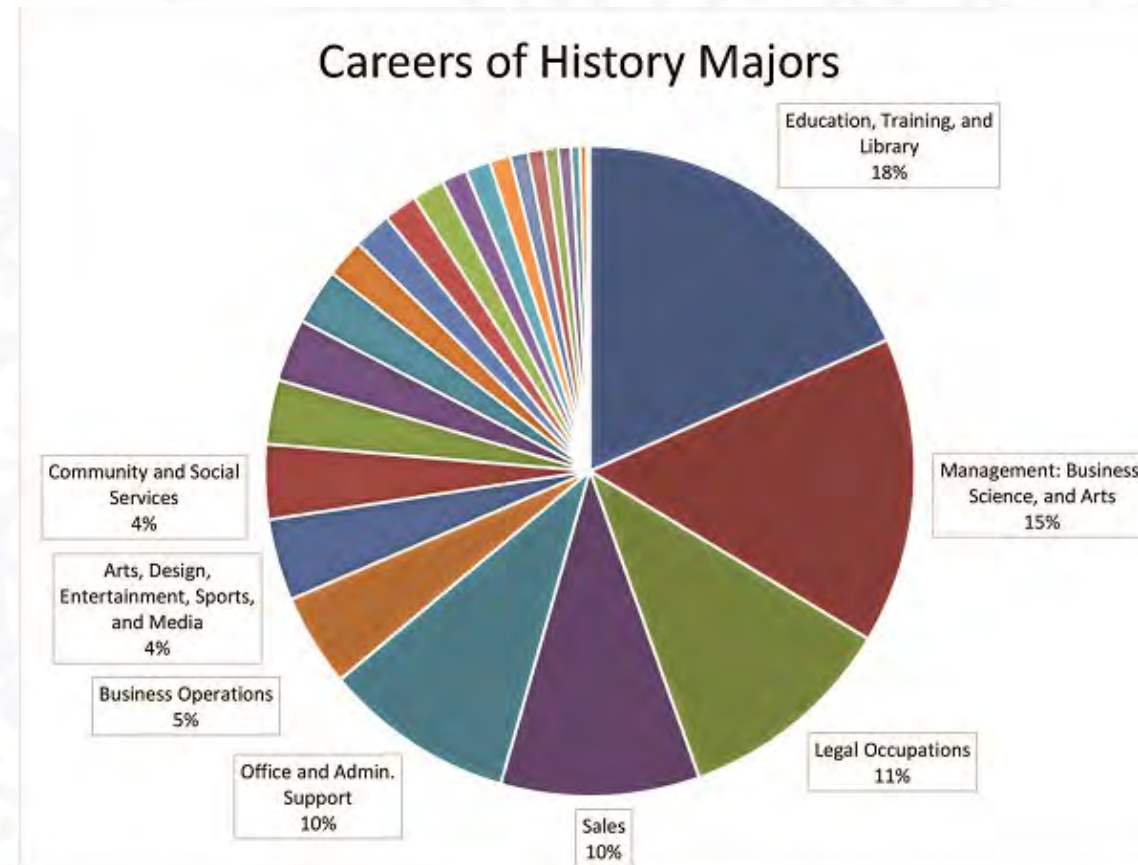
- Studying History empowers you to navigate our VUCA world



Why Study History?



➤ History prepares you for your future career



Career prospects



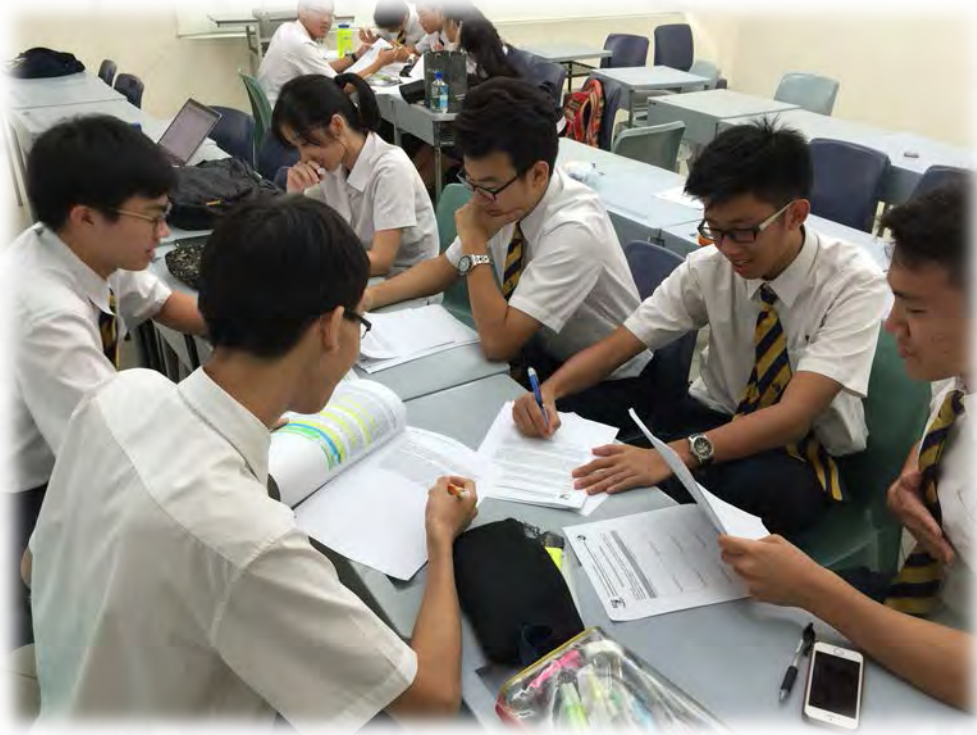
- Diplomacy and International Relations
- Public Policy – Various Ministries and statutory boards
- Legal Services
- Journalism
- Community and Social Services
- Media and Technology
- Business and Management
- Education
- Human Resource



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➤ History lessons are fun and stimulating!



Why Study History?





Humanities (Geography)

Humanities (Geography) - Syllabus



- Geography in Everyday Life
 - Thinking Geographically; sustainable development; geographical methods
- Tourism
 - Tourism activity; development; sustainable tourism development
- Tectonics
 - Plate tectonics; earthquakes and volcanoes; disaster risk management



Humanities (Geography) - Assessment



- Single Paper
- Structured questions and 1 essay question





Geography

Geography - Syllabus



- Geography in Everyday Life
- Tourism
- Climate
- Tectonics
- Singapore



Geography - Assessment



- Two Papers
- Structured and essay questions



Why study Geography?



Geography is:

- A down-to-earth, practical subject
- A skills-based subject: map-reading, research and fieldwork skills



Why study Geography?



Why study Geography?



Trump: Climate change scientists have 'political agenda'

15 October 2018



Donald Trump has said he does believe the climate is changing

US President Donald Trump has accused climate change scientists of having a "political agenda" as he cast doubt on whether humans were responsible for the earth's rising temperatures.

But Mr Trump also said he no longer believed climate change was a hoax.

The comments, made during an interview with CBS's 60 Minutes, come less than a week after climate scientists issued a final call to halt rising temperatures.

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Canada legalises sale and use of cannabis

The country becomes only the second nation in the world, after Uruguay, to legalise recreational use.

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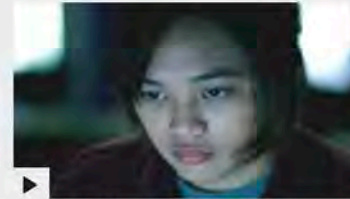
Should Canada's pot convicts get amnesty?

16 October 2018

Pakistan hangs six-year-old Zainab's killer

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Features



The people who clean your Facebook



Why study Geography?



How can Geography help us understand the COVID-19 pandemic?



Instagram may offer clues about the spread of the new coronavirus

Posts on the social-media platform show the movements of visitors from virus hotspots

Follow back

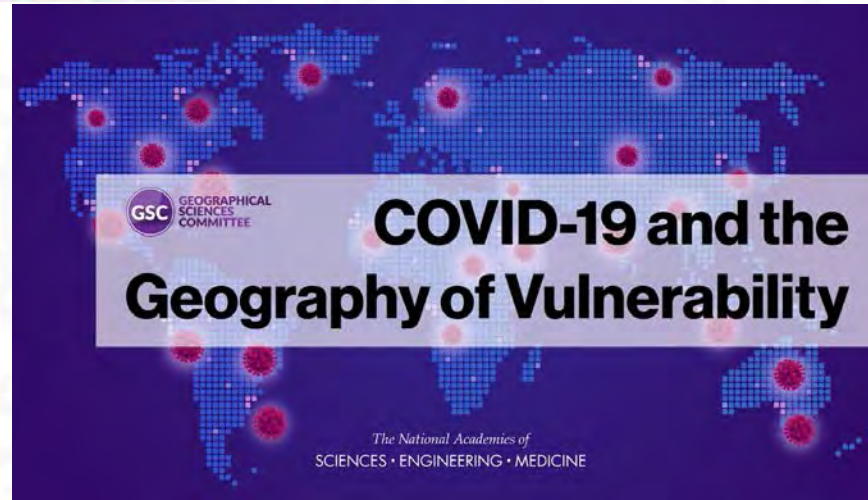
Locations Instagram users travelled to after visiting a location with 50 or more confirmed covid-19 cases

Location of possible virus exposure

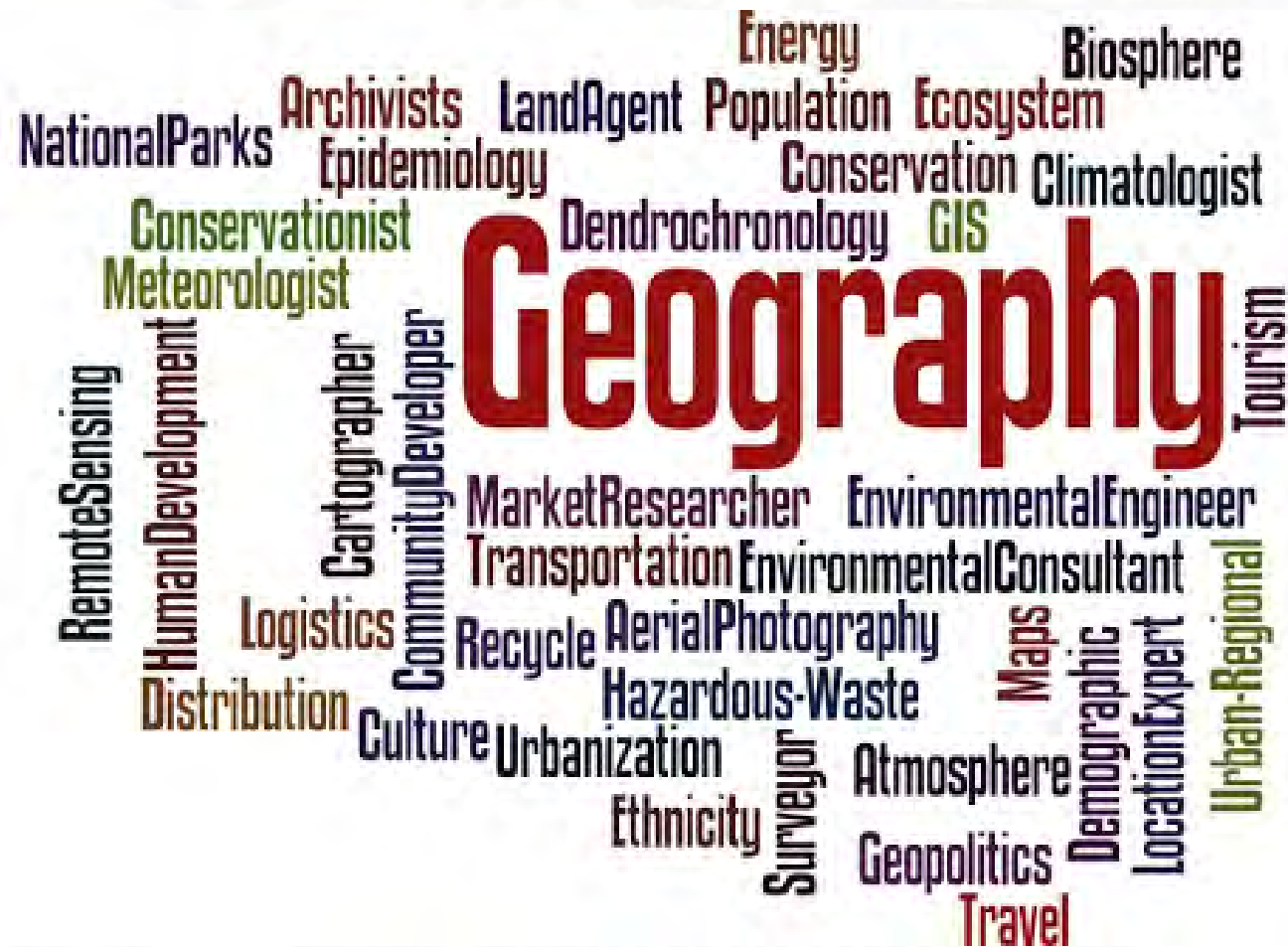
- China
- Italy
- South Korea
- Iran
- United States
- Other



Sources: Public profiles on Instagram, The Economist, The Economist



Career prospects



Requirements for MOE Pre-University Scholarships at Year 5 & 6



➤ Humanities Scholarship Programme (HSP)

Students must offer:

- ☐ Literature (HL)
- ☐ Economics (HL)

And:

- ☐ History (HL) *Or*
- ☐ Geography (HL)

➤ Regional Studies Programme (RSP)

Students must offer:

- ☐ History (HL)

Please refer to our
school website for
details

Please contact the following teachers if you have any questions:

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- **Geography** – Ms Salinah Bee (salinah@acsindep.edu.sg)



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The Best Is Yet To Be!

