

**IB class of May 2025**  
***History: Topics and ToK links***

Semester	IB	Abitur	ToK links
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 3: The Renaissance (c1400-1600)</li> <li>• Internal Assessment (overview)</li> <li>• Paper 1: Conflict and Intervention (Rwanda and Kosovo, 1989-2002)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macht und Herrschaft</li> <li>• Kulturkontakte</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is unique about the methodologies in history?</li> <li>• Does human history progress towards the better? (The wheel of fortune vs Enlightenment)</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 2: Evolution and development of democratic states (1848-2000)</li> <li>• Internal Assessment (first draft)</li> <li>• Extended Essay (preparations)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modernisierung in Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft</li> <li>• Staat und Nation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does language help or hinder the interpretation of history?</li> <li>• How do we determine which events are historically significant?</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 2: Authoritarian States (USSR, Germany, China)</li> <li>• Internal Assessment (final draft)</li> <li>• Extended Essay (first draft)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staat und Nation</li> <li>• Macht und Herrschaft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent are emotions necessary to understand historical events?</li> <li>• Is eyewitness testimony a reliable source of evidence?</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 3: European States in the Inter-War Years (1918-1939)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staat und Nation</li> <li>• Modernisierung in Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent is history influenced by the society and culture in which it is pursued? (Effective History – <i>Wirkungsgeschichte</i>)</li> <li>• Can an understanding of history ever be complete?</li> </ul>