

HISTORY GCSE EXAM COMMAND WORDS

Command word / phrase	Example question	What does this need me to do?	Exam paper that uses this
DESCRIBE	Describe two features of accommodation for poorer people in the Whitechapel area. (4)	Tell us things you know about it	Crime Elizabeth
INFER	Give 2 things you can infer from the Source about Hitler's leadership in Nazi Germany. (4)	What can you learn from it	Germany
WRITE A NARRATIVE ACCOUNT OF KEY EVENTS	Write a narrative account analysing the key events of the Berlin Crisis, 1948-9. (8)	Tell us about the main events in that time	Cold War
EXPLAIN WHY	Explain why there were changes to the prison system c.1700-1900. (12)	Give a range of reasons for something happening	Crime Elizabeth Germany
EXPLAIN 2 CONSEQUENCES OF	Explain 2 consequences (results) of the Cuban Missiles Crisis, 1963. (8)	Tell us what happened as a result of it. Point + 3 more explanation sentences	Cold War
HOW FAR DO YOU AGREE THAT..?	How far do you agree that the main threat for Elizabeth when she became queen was invasion? (16)	Build an argument of evidence that firstly agrees with the statement, and then another argument that disagrees.	Crime Elizabeth Germany (<i>with two interpretations as well</i>)
HOW USEFUL ARE 2 SOURCES?	How useful are Sources A and B for an enquiry into the Hitler Youth Movement? (8)	Use Provenance and Content of sources to discuss both uses and limitations of sources.	Crime Germany