

# OxfordAQA

# International GCSE

## History (9245)

## Command words

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# Introduction

Command words are the words and phrases used in exams and other assessment tasks that tell students how they should answer the question. The following command words list contains words and their meanings that are relevant to this subject:

## Identify

Name, select or recognise one or more pieces of relevant information.

## Explain

Set out point(s), purpose(s), reason(s) and/ or change(s) supported with knowledge, understanding and/or evidence from the content and/or provenance of a source.

## Explain why

Set out a detailed account of points, purposes, reasons and/or changes in relation to a particular process, concept or issue, supported with knowledge, understanding and evidence from sources.

## To what extent do you agree with the statement...

Provide a clear argument or evaluation relating to the points raised by the question, coming to a supported judgement in relation to the given statement.

## How far do you agree

Provide a clear argument or evaluation relating to the main points raised in the question.

## How useful are

Provide a clear judgement or evaluation relating to the main points raised in the question.

## Identify

Name or characterise.

## Include

Add further information as specified.

## Name

Identify using a recognised term or example.

## Outline

Set out main characteristics.

## Present

Create a finished version in an appropriate form.

## Refer to

Provide specific examples from the areas of study identified.

## State

Express in clear terms.