

7. Social Sciences

Introduction

Welcome to the interesting world of Social Sciences where you will develop an understanding of the past and how it has affected our present. You will also develop an understanding of the place in which you live and of other people and places. The significance of location and how people and places interrelate and interconnect is also important.

We call the disciplines within this subject, **History** and **Geography**. The Social Sciences develop valuable skills especially how to make sense of information from different sources. This includes sources that offer different perspectives of the same event or issue. This type of skill will open up a wide range of careers in the Social Sciences field:

- History (archaeologist, politician, lawyer, tourism guide, teacher, manager, public relations officer, etc.)
- Geography (teacher, agricultural engineer, mine surveyor, volcanologist, tourism manager, weather forecaster, geotechnologist, etc.)

Time allocation

- 3 hours per week (90 min for History and 90 min for Geography in a 5-day cycle)

History Content in Grade 9

- World War II (1939 - 1945)
- The Nuclear Age and the Cold War (1945 - 1990)
- Turning points in South African history 1948 and the 1950s
- Turning points in South African history 1960, 1976 and 1994

Geography content in Grade 9

- Map skills (focus on topographic and orthophoto maps)
- Development issues (focus on South Africa and World)
- Surface forces that shape the earth (Physical Geography)
- Resource use and sustainability (focus on the World)

Assessment

During the year you will complete different assessment tasks, both informally and formally. All assessment tasks are extremely important and you need to complete them to the best of your ability to ensure a good performance in Social Sciences. Remember that if you keep your eyes on your goal and not on the obstacles you will overcome challenges.

Relevant tasks include:

- Source-based tasks
- Extended writing (focused essay and paragraphs)
- Data handling
- Oral history research
- Map skills

	Formal assessment tasks per term	
	History	Geography
Term 1	1	1
Term 2	1	1
Term 3	1	1
Term 4	Exam	Exam

