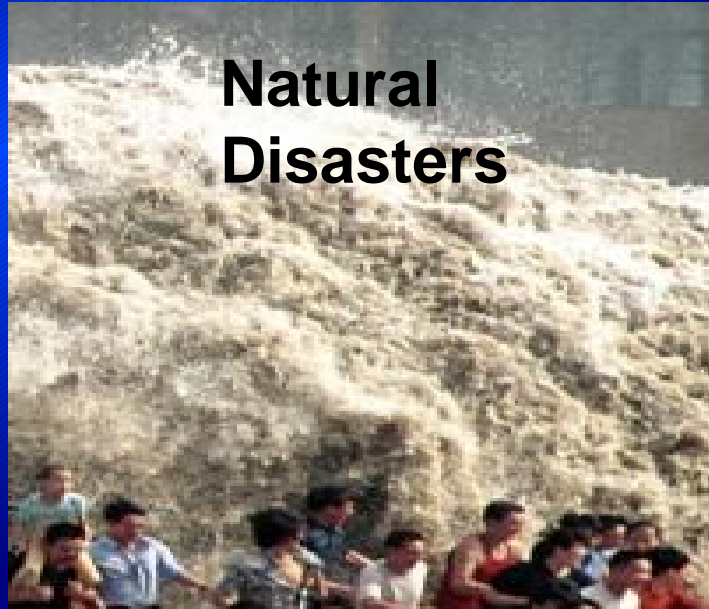


HUMANITIES@BLSS

CORE Geography Syllabus

Physical Geography



Human Geography



Tourism



Population



Sec 3E

Physical Geography

Map reading skills
Weather and Climate
Vegetation
Earthquakes &
Volcanoes
Weathering
Rivers
Coasts

Sec 4E

Human Geography

Population
Settlement
Agriculture
Resources
Industries and
Tourism
Development

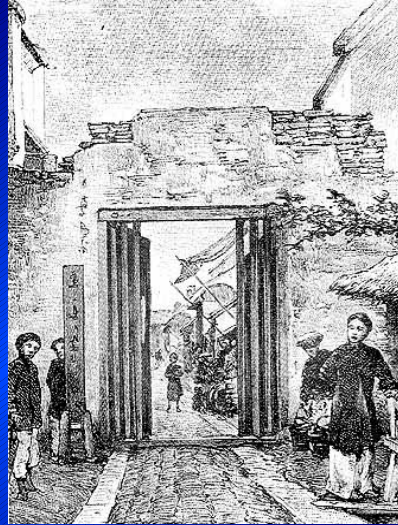
BLSS Pure Geography GCE O level Examinations

Year	Passes		Distinctions	
	School	National	School	National
2005	90.0%	95.8%	5.0%	-
2006	95.0%	96.7%	22.5%	-
2007	97.8%	97.2%	28.3%	-
2008	95.8%	97.5%	4.1%	51.7
2009	92.3%	96.9%	7.7%	52.0

CORE History Syllabus

Paper 1: Selected Studies in Southeast Asia with emphasis on Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaya

French takeover of Vietnam

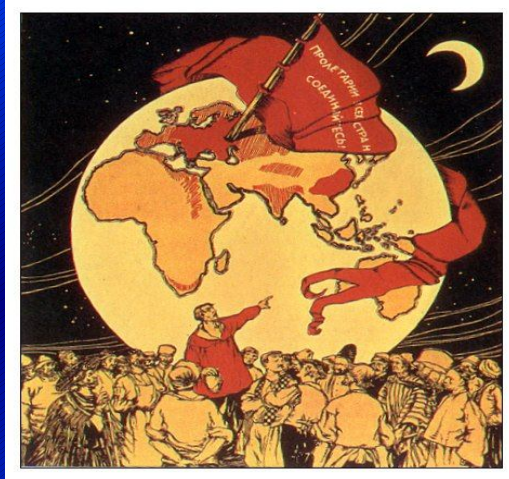


Impact of Japanese Rule in Southeast Asia

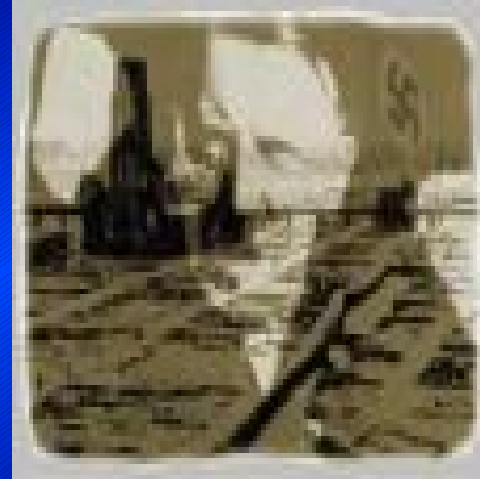


Dutch Expansion in Indonesia

Paper 2: Modern World History (1917 – 1990s)



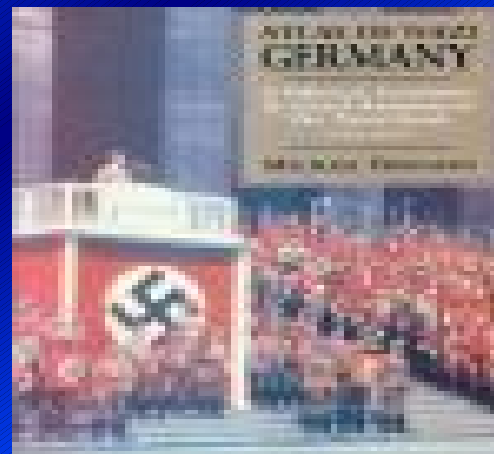
Russia & Communism



Germany & Adolf Hitler



War in the Pacific (Japan)



World War II in Europe

Pure History Syllabus is

- richer, more colourful and interesting in historical content
- a further development of the different types of thinking skills acquired at Lower Sec
e.g. inference, comparing, evaluating sources and making judgments
- Fieldtrips to exotic places e.g. Hanoi, Vietnam [2008], Ho Chi Minh Vietnam [2010] and Kyushu Japan [2009]!

BLSS Pure History GCE O level Examinations

Year	Passes		Distinctions	
	School	National	School	National
2005	96.4%	92.5%	42.9%	-
2006	100%	97.5%	50.0%	-
2007	100%	97.6%	46.7%	-
2008	100%	94.8%	50.0%	51.2%
2009	100%	95.6%	45.9%	50.0%

Combined Humanities

Social Studies and Geography Elective

OR

Social Studies and History Elective

OR

Social Studies and Literature Elective

Social Studies (Compulsory Component)

Syllabus is organised around six major themes of National Education; some examples:

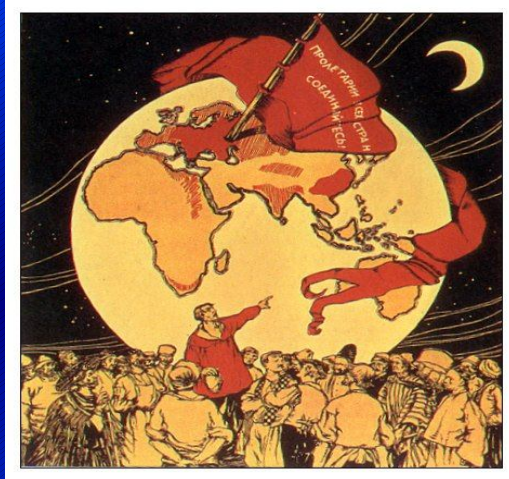
- (1) Historical: Singapore's Merger and Separation with Malaya
- (2) Economic: Singapore's Industrial Development during the post-independence period up to the present)
- (3) Social: Education, Health Care and Population problems in Singapore
- (4) Conflict and Cooperation within the region and at the international level

Geography Elective

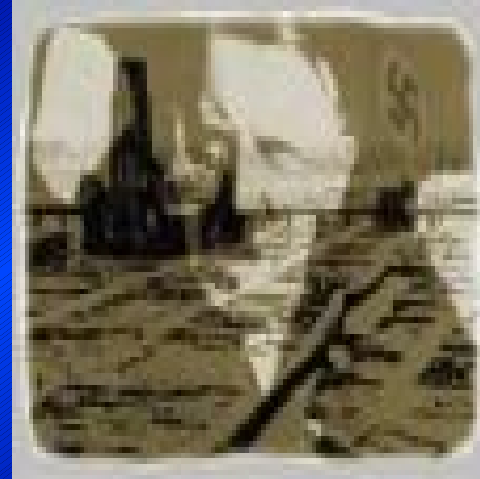
Highlights the interaction between human development and the physical environment

- Map Reading
- Natural Vegetation
- Rivers and Coast
- Geography of food
- Development and Quality of life
- Environmental Management

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Making The Choice

Pure History

Pure Geography

Geography Elective

History Elective

Pure Literature

It is **COMPULSORY** for

ALL pupils will do **ONE** Humanities:

Either

Combined Humanities (Social Studies / History Elective)

OR

Combined Humanities (Social Studies / Geography Elective)

OR

Combined Humanities (Social Studies / Literature Elective)

If you want to do **TWO** Humanities:

First Humanities:

Combined Humanities (Social Studies / History Elective)

OR

Combined Humanities (Social Studies / Geography Elective)

OR

Combined Humanities (Social Studies / Literature Elective)

Second Humanities: Pure Geography, Pure History or Pure Literature (**Choose ONE**)

Example ONE:

Chong Ming's Humanities choices:

Second Humanities: Pure History

First Humanities: Combined Humanities
(Social Studies / Geography Elective)

OR

(Social Studies / Literature Elective)

Example TWO:

Ismaïl's Humanities choices:

- ***Second Humanities:*** Pure Geography
- ***First Humanities:*** Combined Humanities
(Social Studies / History Elective)

Or

(Social Studies / Literature Elective)

Considerations when selecting a Humanities subject:

- (A) Do you have the **attitude** to commit to the subject for at least 2 years if not longer? (not giving it up no matter how difficult)
- (I) Where is your **interest**? (Is it in Geography, History or Literature)
- (R) How have you been faring in the subjects? (look at your ***results**, which is better – Geography, History or Literature?)