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- extreme nationalism, imperialism, alliance system, armament race, militarism and the Sarajevo Incident  

b. Results and impact  
- breakdown of old empires and the establishment of a new order                                           |
| 3. The Second World War | a. The Legacy of the First World War  
- postwar problems in Europe  
b. The Interwar Period – Totalitarianism, Expansion and Appeasement Policy  
- Failure of democracy, widespread social and economic problems, expansion, failure of collective security and appeasement policy  
c. Expansion of totalitarian states in 1930s  
- outward expansion and war |

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e. Results and impact  
- decline of Europe, rise of superpowers and confrontation and decolonization |
| 4. The Cold War         | a. Meaning of the Cold War  
b. Causes – struggles and confrontation of 2 rival blocs  
c. Major conflicts – selected case studies  
d. Historical significance |
| 5. The History of Hong Kong | a. Colonial setting since 1842  
b. Growth of Hong Kong in first half of the 20th century (1901-1941)  
c. Japanese Occupation and Post-war Recovery  
d. Economic Achievements of Hong Kong (1950-90s) |
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|                        | b. Self-directed museum visits  |
| Bridging between junior forms and NSS | a. Curriculum, pedagogies, project skills and exam skills |