



ST ALBANS
SCHOOL

13+ Entrance

Examination

History

(60 minutes)

Surname	First Name

Date of Birth

Score Total

There are two sections to this exam, and the advised timing is specified after each question.

Please write all your answers on lined paper.

Section 1: Source Investigation on Oliver Cromwell (20 marks = 20 minutes)

Charles I became king in 1625. Following a series of disagreements, a civil war broke out between the king and Parliament in 1642. It ended with the king's execution in 1649 and Oliver Cromwell ruled England as 'Lord Protector'. Cromwell was a Puritan (a radical Protestant) and introduced lots of strict rules that the people of England had to follow. Today, people have mixed opinions of Oliver Cromwell – was he a hero or a villain?



SOURCE A - A print of Oliver Cromwell working with the Devil. Painted in 1660, just after his death.

Many people in our times... have a great respect for the memory of Oliver Cromwell, as being a man of devout religion and a great champion for the liberties of the nation.

SOURCE B - Nathaniel Crouch, *A History of Oliver Cromwell* (1692). Crouch was too young to remember the Civil War and he was criticised by people at the time for being a 'hack'. Crouch stole the ideas of other people and rewrote them in his own books.

Each of the attackers [Cromwell's men] picked up a child and used it as a shield to keep themselves from being shot. After they had killed all in the Church, they went into the vaults underneath where all the women had hid themselves.

SOURCE C - Written by Thomas Wood, an eyewitness, about Cromwell's attack on Ireland. Cromwell took 12,000 men to attack Ireland, after the Irish had supported Charles I during the Civil War. Thomas wrote this in 1663, three years after Cromwell's death. Charles II was King at the time, and he hated Cromwell.

Section 1: Source Question

Having examined the sources on the previous page, answer all the questions that follow. Remember to use details or quotes from the sources to support your points and make sure you look at the captions that accompany each source; these may help with some of your answers!

1. What can we learn from **Source A** about Oliver Cromwell? (5 marks)
2. How far do **Sources B and C** agree about whether Oliver Cromwell was a villain? (5 marks)
3. Why might **Source B** be unreliable to a historian studying Oliver Cromwell? (5 marks)
4. What are the strengths and weaknesses of **Source C** when examining whether Cromwell was a hero or a villain? (5 marks)

Section 2: Essay Question (20 marks = 40 minutes)

5. Answer **one** of the following:
 - Using a king or queen of your choice, explain what makes a successful monarch
 - In your opinion, who is the greatest Briton of all time and why?
 - 'It is impossible to truly understand the past'. How far do you agree with this statement?
 - 'Death was around every corner in medieval England'. To what extent was this true?

TIP

YOU SHOULD AIM TO WRITE 4 PEEL PARAGRAPHS IN YOUR ESSAY, FOLLOWED BY A CONCLUSION. REMEMBER TO BRING IN SPECIFIC EXAMPLES FROM WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY STUDIED AT SCHOOL!