

AQA Question 1: 'How useful is Source A...' (8 marks)

AQA Paper 2: Shaping the nation, health and the people, c1000 to the present day

Lesson context

Following a class visit to Thackray Medical Museum, images and artefacts from the museum prompt students to display deeper understanding and more detailed contextual knowledge in their answers to 8 mark AQA exam style utility questions.

Learning

- Tips on answering utility questions
- Using content and provenance to address utility
- Reaching a judgement based on evidence

Rationale

There are 3 Thackray Medical Museum AQA Question 1 Worksheets with Whiteboard Images. They are:

1. Study Source A. How useful is Source A to an historian studying everyday treatments and remedies in the 19th century? (8 marks)
2. Study Source A. How useful is Source A to an historian studying surgery in the 19th century? (8 marks)
3. Study Source A. How useful is Source A to an historian studying the impact of war on surgery? (8 marks)

We suggest you start with Worksheet 1 on everyday treatments and remedies, which includes tips on how to answer 8 mark utility questions.

Lesson preparation

- Print off a class set of Worksheet 1, stapling the two pages together.
- Assess the time required to work through the exam tips on page 1 and tackle the practice question on page 2. Incorporate this time into your lesson plan.
- Have the whiteboard image of Source A: A Thackray Museum display showing an advertisement for patent medicine published in 1895 ready to show on the whiteboard.

Suggestions

- Worksheet 1 could be done in class, by students working in pairs. Their responses could then be compared in a class discussion.
- Worksheet 2 could be set as a homework task.
- Worksheet 3 could be set as a timed test in class, (please note that the images in this source may be upsetting to some students).