

Choosing Combined Humanities (History Elective)

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G2 – 2126/2

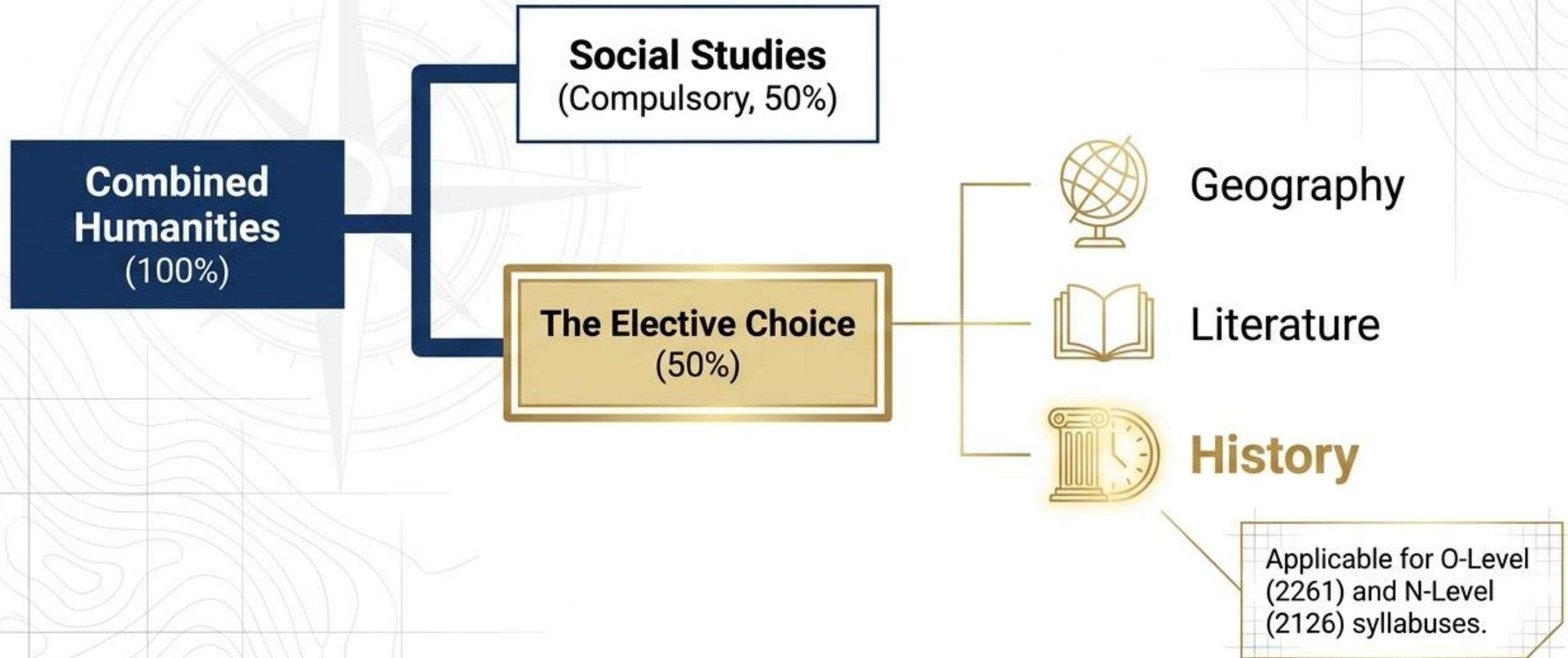
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HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT



The Humanities Formula





Debunking the Myths of History

The Myth

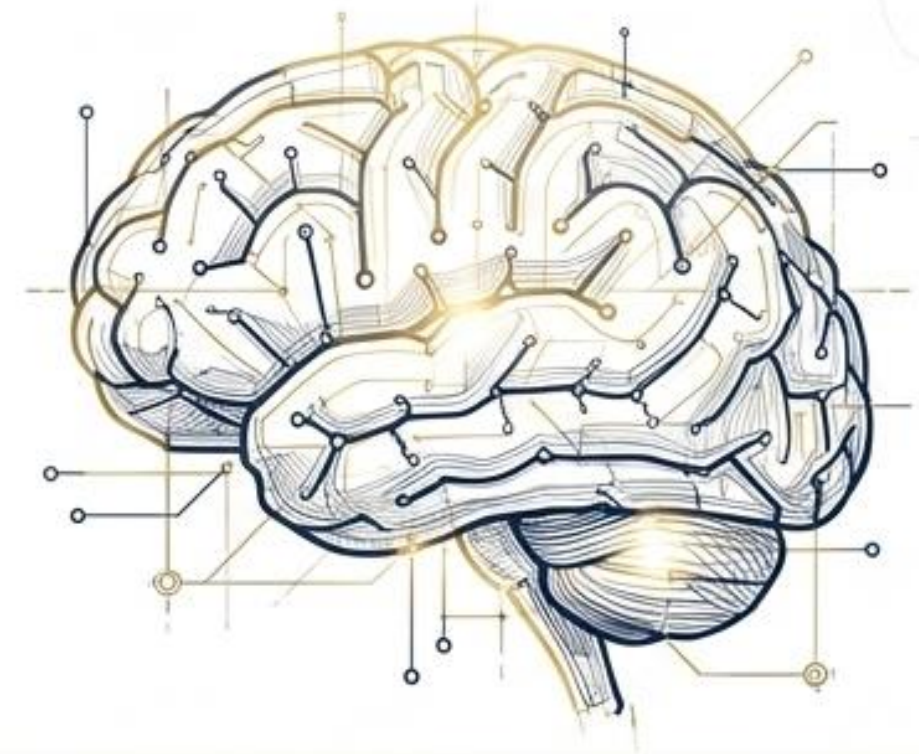


Just memorizing dates

Boring facts and figures

Irrelevant dead people

The Reality



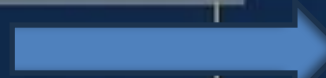
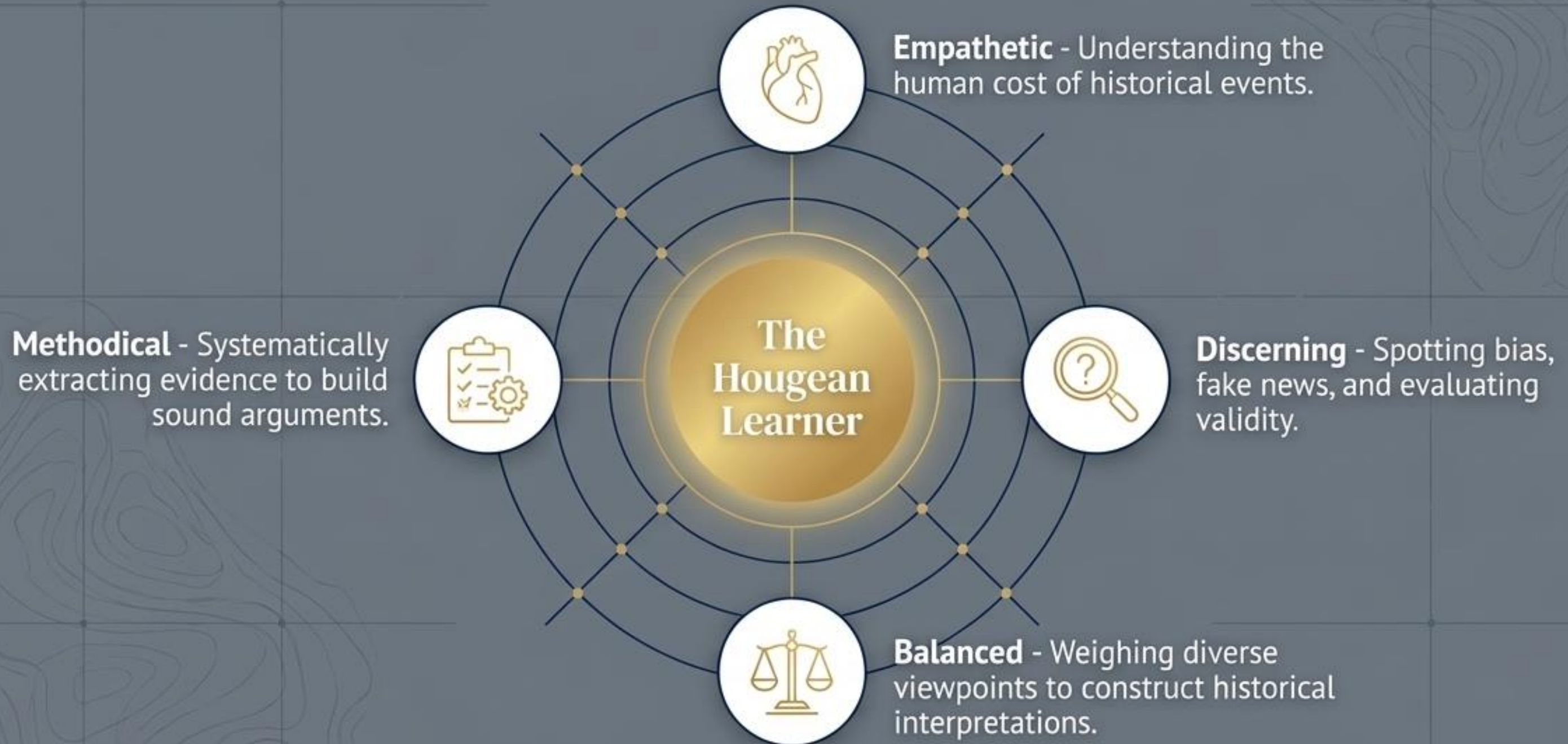
Analyzing diverse perspectives

Constructing reasoned arguments

Understanding how the past shapes
today's current affairs



The Qualities of a History Learner





The Metanarrative: A Modern Roadmap

Focuses strictly on the major geopolitical shifts of the modern 20th Century.

1910s



Post-WWI

1920s–30s



Rise of
Authoritarian
Regimes

1939–1945

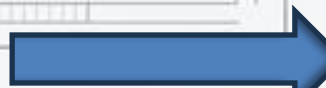


World War II

1940s–1991



The Cold War



Unit 1: Challenges to European Dominance (1910s–1942)

Treaty of Versailles



The Paris Peace Conference and its immediate impact.

Rise of Dictators



Case study of Nazi Germany & Militarist Japan.

Outbreak of WWII



Key developments leading to global conflict in Europe and the Asia-Pacific.

Unit 2: The Cold War Era (1940s–1991)

The Cold War in Europe



Ideological origins and development
between superpowers.

Proxy Wars



In-depth Case Studies of the Korean
War and the Vietnam War.

Beyond the Classroom: Experiencing Global History



MOE History Challenge

Stretching potential and providing a platform for passionate students to compete at a national level.



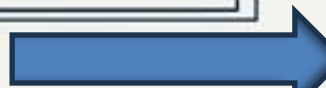
Hougeans exploring wartime tunnels in Vietnam



Cultural immersion in Beijing



Analyzing ancient stonework in Bali



The Hougang Advantage: Bringing History to Life

Game-Based Learning



E.g., Appeasement Policy Board Game Simulations.

Intra-Class Debates



Defending and challenging different historical perspectives.

Historical Films



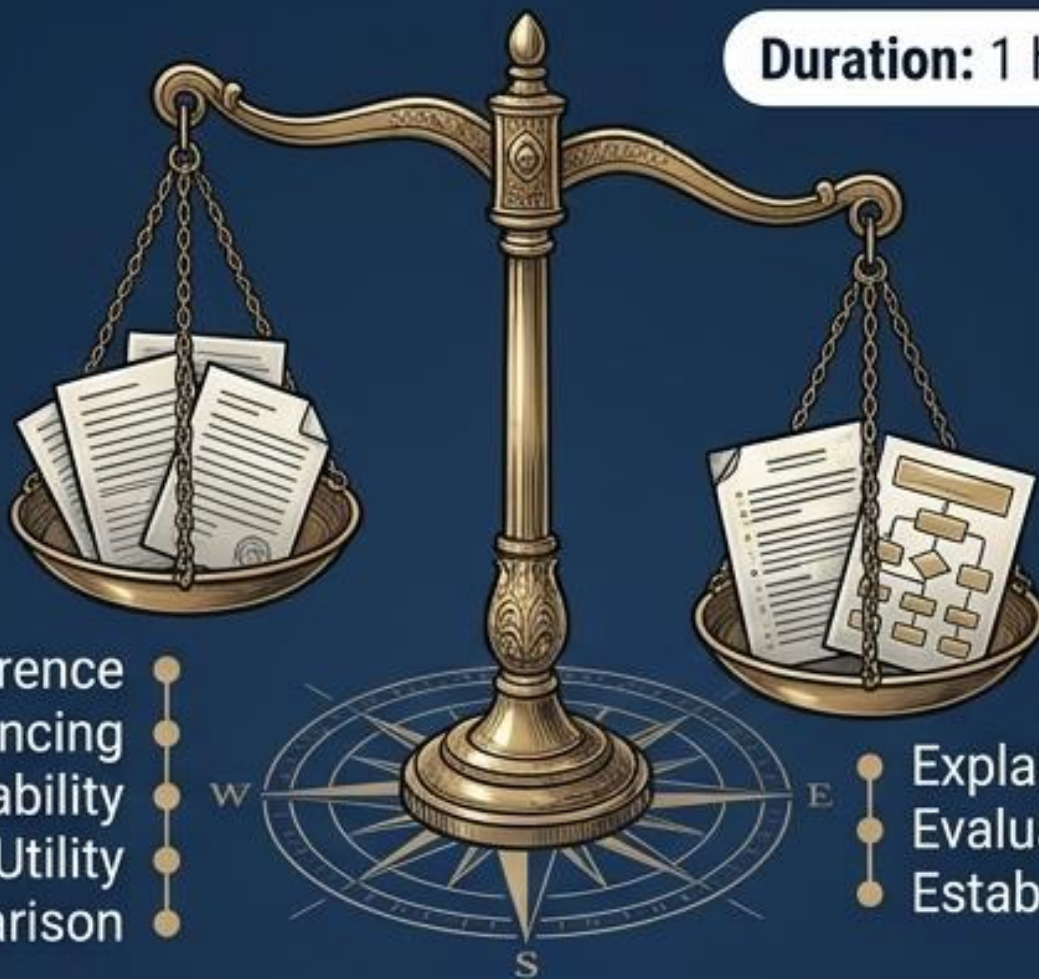
Building genuine empathy and contextual understanding through immersive cinema.

Assessment Format Demystified

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes (O-Level 2261 & N-Level 2126)

Source-Based Questions (SBQ)

The Historical Detective



Structured Essay Questions (SEQ)

The Strategic Lawyer



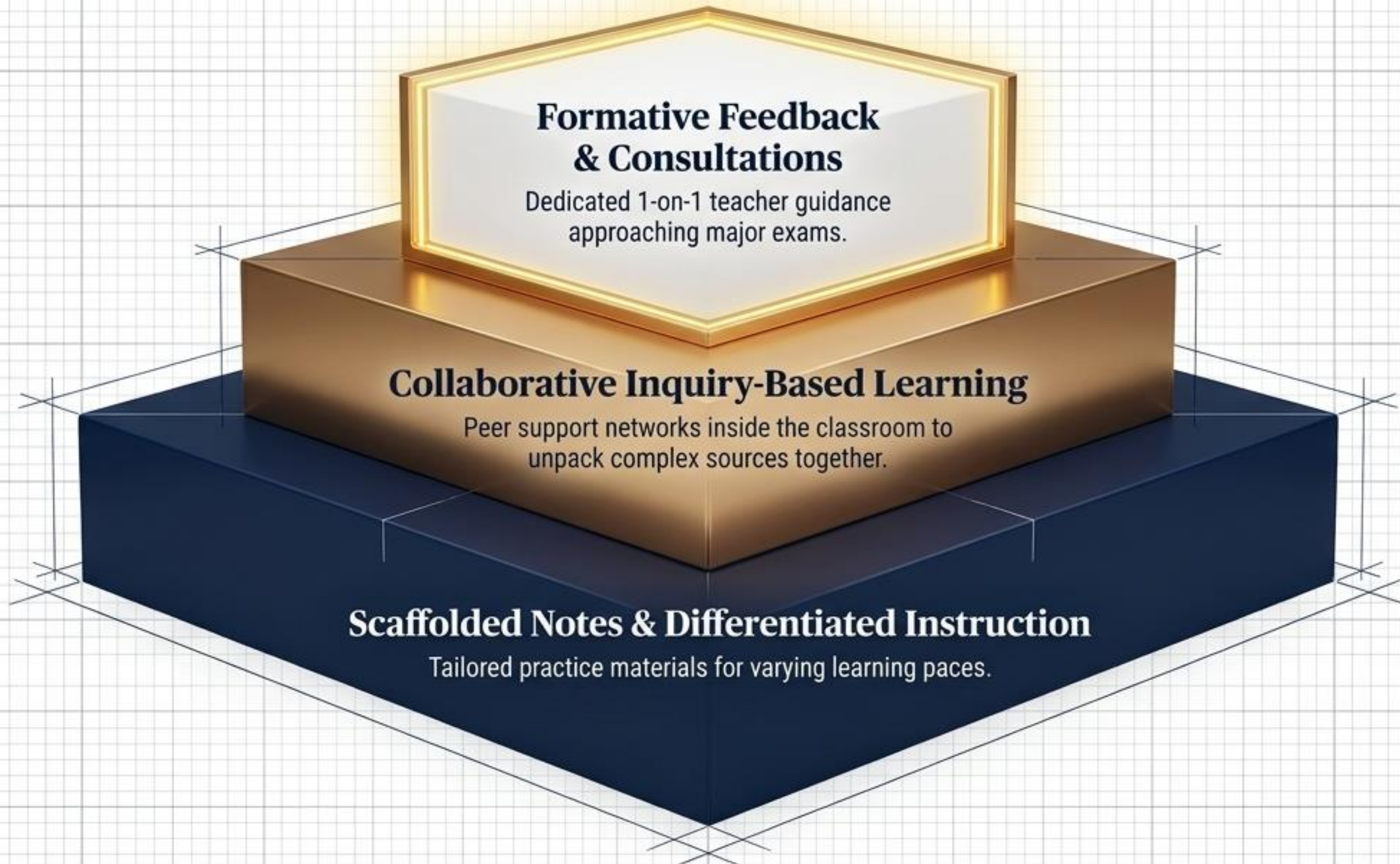
Inference
Cross-referencing
Reliability
Utility
Comparison

Explaining Causes
Evaluating Consequences
Establishing Significance

| Section | Skill Tested | Weightage |
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| Section A: SBQ | Source-Based Case Study: Inference, Cross-referencing, Reliability, Utility, and Comparison. | 30 Marks |
| Section B: SEQ | Structured Essay Questions: Explaining causes, evaluating consequences, and establishing significance. | 20 Marks |
| Total | History Elective constitutes 50% of the Combined Humanities grade. | 50 Marks |



Supporting Every Learner



Partnering at Home: Cultivating the Inquisitive Mind.

Discuss Current Affairs

Connect today's global news headlines to their deep historical roots.

Watch Documentaries

Stream high-quality programs together (e.g., "Greatest Events of WWII in Colour").

Visit Local Museums

Explore Singapore's rich local history through interactive weekend trips.

The Golden Questions

When they share an opinion, ask: "Why do you think that?" and "What is your evidence?"



Future Pathways: What is this good for?

Humanities & History

Analytical Skills,
Empathy, Perspective

Law & Legal Services

Public Policy & Government

Journalism & Media

Business Management

Diplomacy & Foreign Relations

“History prepares students for productive living in a VUCA world.” – MOE Schoolbag



Empowering Hougeans to Shape the Future.

Speak with your child tonight about their worldview.

Questions? Reach out directly.

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