

## GCSE History Paper 2 Key Dates

1831-32	<i>Cholera epidemic, killing rich and poor.</i>
1842	Edwin <b>Chadwick</b> publishes his report. He finds that poor people are living in dirty conditions which cause illness. They are not lazy but are too ill to work. He suggests improving conditions would prevent workers getting ill.
1848	Chadwick's recommendations lead to the <b>First Public Health Act</b> . The government set up a <i>General Board of Health</i> . Towns were told to clean up, but it was non-compulsory.
1848	<i>Cholera epidemic.</i>
1853	<i>Cholera epidemic.</i>
1854	<b>John Snow</b> publishes proof that cholera is spread by dirty water by testing deaths around the Broad Street pump.
1858	The <b>Great Stink</b> hits London.
1858-1866	<b>Bazalgette</b> is the chief engineer on London's sewer-building project.
1864	<b>Pasteur</b> publishes <b>Germ Theory</b> .
1866	<i>Cholera epidemic.</i>
1867	<b>Reform Act</b> - poor working-class men get the <b>vote</b> .
1875	<b>Second Public Health Act</b> : towns must keep streets clean; sewers must be cleaned. This law is <b>compulsory</b> .
1875	<b>Disraeli Laws</b> : Artisans' Dwelling Act, Food and Drugs Act, River Pollutions Prevention Act.
1873-1880	<b>Chamberlain</b> (Mayor of Birmingham) makes <b>several local reforms</b> including government control of gas and water supplies, slum clearance, better houses, and a park system.
1888	<b>Port Sunlight (model village</b> for the Lever factory) was founded.
1893	<b>Bournville (model village</b> for the Cadbury factory) was founded.
1901	<b>Rowntree</b> published his study on poverty in York. Found 28% lived in poverty.
1903	<b>Booth</b> published his study on poverty in London. Found 31% lived below the poverty line.
1899-1902	<b>Boer War</b> : 1/3 of potential recruits were turned away for medical reasons.
1906	<b>Free School Meals Act</b>
1908	<b>Old Age Pensions Act</b>
1909	<b>Labour Exchanges</b> set up to help people find work
1909	The 1909 ' <b>People's Budget</b> ' to pay for the Liberal Reforms: Lloyd George raised duties on tobacco and spirits, raised income tax by 16 per cent (from 1s to 1s 2d), and introduced a new 20 per cent tax on profits from selling land.
1911	<b>National Insurance Act</b> : free medical treatment and sick pay if workers were ill in return for a payment of 4d. a week.