FOI Request (FOI 24-25 209)

Request:

The percentage of SQA History students who answered questions which related to the British Empire or slave trading as opposed to the alternative questions they could have answered when they are able to choose.

For National 5, I refer to those who answered questions for part 4 of section 1 or part 3 of section 2 in the SQA N5 History course spec. For Higher students, the equivalent would be part C of the British history component.

Response

National 5 History 2024 - 15 157 learners

SECTION 1 – SCOTTISH CONTEXTS	Number of learners	% Learners
The Wars of Independence, 1286-1328	1536	10.1%
Mary Queen of Scots, and the Reformation, 1542-1587	371	2.4%
The Treaty of Union, 1689-1715	14	0.1%
Migration and Empire, 1830-1939	3457	22.8%
The Era of the Great War, 1900-1928	9779	64.5%
SECTION 2 – BRITISH CONTEXTS		
The Creation of the Medieval Kingdoms, 1066-1406	223	1.5%
War of the Three Kingdoms, 1603-1651	22	0.1%
The Atlantic Slave Trade, 1770-1807	11699	77.2%
Changing Britain, 1760-1914	1890	12.4%
The Making of Modern Britain, 1880-1951	1323	8.7%

Higher History 2024 – 9687 learners

SECTION 1 - BRITISH	Number of learners	% Learners
Church, state and feudal society, 1066-1406	157	1.6%
The century of revolutions, 1603-1702	2	0%
The Atlantic slave trade	45	0.5%
Britain, 1851-1951	8899	91.9%
Britain and Ireland, 1900-1985	584	6.0%