

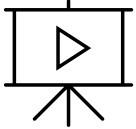


A level summer transition work

Subject: History

Exam board: Edexcel

Expectation is you will complete at least one task from each category and come to your first lesson in September prepared to discuss this work. You must bring your 'Independent learning log' and any completed work in September.

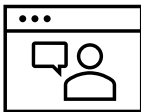


Video Clips

Each of these short video clips introduces an idea or theme that is relevant to this A level course. In your 'independent learning log' note down any questions the clip raises.

Watch Lucy Worsley's programme on Imperial Russia. The third programme deals with the fall of the Tsarist regime and the Revolution.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TIRaGMOxGo>



TV programmes, films, and documentaries

These programmes will get you thinking even more deeply about this A level course. In your 'independent learning log' write down anything you will explore further following your viewing



- Stalin: Reign of Terror
- Stalin's Last Plot



- The Coldest Game
- The Death of Stalin



- Mr Jones
- Dictators at War (Rise of the Nazis series 2)



Radio programmes and podcast

These programmes are great ways to get you thinking about your A level. Pick some to listen to over the summer.

The best podcasts are:

On Lenin - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00546pv>

On Stalin - <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/stalins-library-inside-the-mind-of-a-dictator/id256580326?i=1000570783921>

The collapse of the USSR - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p04kxdch>

On Mao - <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/173-chairman-mao-the-cultural-revolution/id1537788786?i=1000556477944>

On the Cultural Revolution - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000q9b6>



Books

These books are excellent introductions to A level. Write a small summary or review of the book or sections of the book you have read.

Textbook

S Phillips, B Gregory, N Bushnell, R Owen	Communist States in the 20 th century	Pearson	2015
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It is recommended that you purchase a textbook, as this will be useful for independent study.

General books on Russia

G Freeze	Russia: A History	OUP	2009
M McCauley	The Soviet Union 1917 - 1991	Routledge	2014



Lenin

M Lynch	Access to History: Reaction and Revolution; Russia 1894-1924	Hodder	2015
R Service	Lenin: A biography	Pan	2010

Stalin

M Lynch	Access to History: Stalin's Russia 1924-1953	Hodder	2015
R Service	Stalin: A biography	Pan	2010
A Applebaum	Gulag: A History	Penguin	2004



Questions to discuss

These are questions you could discuss with family and friends over the summer. Try to write a summary of your discussion and the different viewpoints that emerged.

Could Communism ever work?

Is Putin's regime in Russia a new version of Stalin's regime of the 1930s?

Why does Communism continue to exist in China?



Independent learning log

Use the table below to keep a record of your preparation work. Bring this to your first lesson back in September.

Date completed	Title	Type of task	Questions/resources you produced (summer notes, book review etc)