

YEAR 12 HISTORY PRE-COURSE MATERIALS SEPTEMBER 2017

A LEVEL HISTORY COURSE SUMMARY

Exam Board: Edexcel

Syllabus: 9HI0 Route E

Year 12 Topics:

Paper 1: Option 1E: Russia, 1917–91: from Lenin to Yeltsin 48

Paper 2: Option 2E.1: Mao's China, 1949–76

Year 13 topics:

Paper 3: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399–1509

Paper 4: Coursework – one 3000-4000 word essay on a chosen topic

Our Year 12 papers focus on the transformation of Russia and China into communist states and the dramatic impact of this political, social and economic revolution on the lives of the people.

Our pre-course materials are designed to enable students to engage quickly with the course in September by preparing them for discussions and activities centred upon the background to Communist revolution in each country: in what ways were Russia and China 'ripe for revolution'?

Tasks 1 and 2 may be presented in any way students choose, eg. prezi, powerpoint, mind maps etc.

Either bring all work to your first History lesson in September or email to Ms Weston (below) before the beginning of term:

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Best wishes – we look forward to meeting you in September.

TASK ONE: *Ripe for Revolution?*

Complete a concise fact file for Russia and China around 1900 (up to five years either way). Include:

- Size (km)
- Population
- Nationalities / ethnic groups / languages within each country
- Religion
- Society (i.e. what life was like for the people, how society was structured, etc.)
- Ruler (profile of the monarch, description of the system of government)

TASK TWO: *Revolutionaries*

'No revolution ever waits for a formal majority.' (Lenin)

'A revolution is not a dinner party.' (Mao Zedong)

Familiarise yourself with the revolutionaries who bring communism to their countries – produce a biographical fact file for MAO ZEDONG and VLADIMIR LENIN.

Include information about their background, education, family life and interesting facts about them as personalities.

You can include pictures, eyewitness descriptions etc. What, or who, may have influenced their political ideas?

Some useful links to get you started:

http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/russia_1900_1939.htm

http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/china_1900_to_1976.htm

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9BE6F13EC8BFCEA4> - 'Russia: Land of the Tsars.' Begin 6 minutes into episode 17 with the assassination of Tsar Alexander II and watch to the end of episode 20 (they are each just 10 mins long) for the story of the last tsars (emperors) of Russia.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3u4EFTwprM> ('crash course' capitalism / socialism)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4srwSkD05ws> (fantastic introduction to Mao's China)

Recommended reading:

Russia, 1917-91	Mao's China, 1949-76
The Penguin History of Modern Russia: From Tsarism to the Twenty-first Century – <i>Robert Service</i>	Wild Swans – <i>Jung Chang</i>
The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire – <i>Dmitri Volkogonov</i>	Mao Zedong – <i>Jonathan Clements</i>
A People's Tragedy – <i>Orlando Figes</i>	Mao's Great Famine – <i>Frank Dikotter</i>

