



History A Level Transition work

Area of Study	Detail
Baseline assessment test topics	<p>The baseline assessment test will consist of short-answer knowledge questions and an essay question. The following topics from the bridging activities booklet may be covered -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Russian Empire pre-1917: basic geography, population distribution, nationalities, social classes, religion● Russian government: autocracy, pillars of Tsarism, Alexander II, Alexander III, Nicholas I● Characteristics of totalitarianism● Marxism stage theory● The impact of the First World War on Russia● The downfall of the Tsar in February 1917● The Bolshevik Revolution of October 1917
Baseline assessment skills	<p>AO1: Demonstrate, organise and communicate knowledge and understanding to analyse and evaluate the key features related to the periods studied, making substantiated judgements and exploring concepts, as relevant, of cause, consequence, change, continuity, similarity, difference and significance.</p>
Bridging activities	<p>Your A-Level course will begin with the study of Russia 1917-91: from Lenin to Yeltsin. To prepare for this you will need to complete the activities in the Transition Work booklet (link below). These activities will allow you to gain contextual knowledge about Russia before 1917 which is vital for understanding the establishment of Communism in Russia and how different Soviet leaders led the USSR.</p> <p>History Transition Work</p>
Documentaries & Films	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● BBC Witness History (podcasts & short documentaries)● Russian Ark (film)● Ten Days That Shook the World (film)● Burnt by the Sun (film)● BBC Masters of Money: Karl Marx (documentary)● BBC2 History File: Soviet Communism (documentary series)● BBC Stalin and the man of steel (documentary); Discovery Channel End of the USSR (documentary series)● BBC Gorbachev: The Great Dissident (documentary series)● Gorbachev: A man who changed the world (documentary)● History of Russia in 100 Minutes (YouTube series)● BBC Chernobyl Disaster (docu-drama)● Boris Yeltsin: The Making of a Leader (documentary)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting Gorbachev (documentary) ● China: A Century of Revolution (3 part documentary series) ● Mao's China: One Man's Revolution (documentary) ● China's Great Leap Forward (CIA documentary film footage) ● Mao's Last Dancer (film) ● The Blue Kite (film) ● In the Heat of the Sun (film) ● The Ditch (film) ● Morning Sun (documentary)
<p>Podcasts & Ted talks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● https://www.ted.com/talks?sort=relevance&q=History ● https://www.historytoday.com/archive/podcast/history-today-podcast ● https://www.history.org.uk/podcasts ● Meet the Historians - http://www.andallthat.co.uk/meetthehistorians
<p>Revision websites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Study Wise - https://studywise.co.uk/a-level-revision/ ● Seneca Learning - https://www.senecalearning.com/blog/a-level-revision/ ● Revision World - https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/history-gcse-level/russia-communism-1918-1991 ● History Today - https://www.historytoday.com/ ● National Archives - https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ ● Historical Association - https://www.history.org.uk/student/categories/16-18 ● AndAllThat Blog - http://www.andallthat.co.uk/soviet-russia ● Library of Congress - https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/index.html