

Year 12 History: Transition Project

Russia: 1894-1941



Name:

What topics I have previously studied at GCSE History:

This summer transition project will help ensure that you are prepared for one of the first units that will be taught in Y12.

This focus of this unit will be on Russia between 1894 and 1941.

Please ensure that this is completed and if you are struggling with any of the tasks or have any questions, please feel free to contact Miss Hussain: ahussain@hwga.org.uk

Task one: Watch the clip on the Russian Revolution and complete the questions below:

Clip link: <https://youtu.be/cV9G1QUIm7w>

Q1: Why was WW1 a disaster for Tsarist Russia?

Q2: What did people hope for after the February Revolution?

Q3: Who were the Bolsheviks and what was their slogan?

Q4: What were the People's Soviets?

Q5: Who were the Red Guards?

Task two: Get creative and make your own podcast!

Choose one of the events from those listed below. Find out when it happened and why it happened. Find out the names of any key people/ places and what their involvement was – find out any interesting facts. You should be able to tell the story of what happened and the affects. Once you have done this, create a podcast of your own, or something really creative and interactive for you to watch/ listen to. This doesn't have to be long, but it does need to have key information in.

TIP – write a script before you record, so you aren't umm umm umming the whole way through. Think of it like a clear story, with a beginning, middle, end. Give clear facts, make it something engaging that you would want to listen to Events to choose from: 1) The 1905 Revolution 2) Russia in the First World War 1914-17 3) The February Revolution 1917 4) The October Revolution 1917 5) The Russian Civil War 1917 – 1922.

If you have another suggestion or topic you'd like to research, please email Miss Hussain to check that this is acceptable. Pick a topic that interests you!

There is the opportunity for the coursework element of A Level for you to research into an aspect of History that you are interested in so this would be a great opportunity to start thinking about this.

List of Russia suggestions:

[Factors that led to the 1905 revolution - Causes of the 1905 Revolution - Higher History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Attempts to strengthen Tsarism, 1905-1914 - Attempts to strengthen Tsarism, 1905-1914 - Higher History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Factors that led to the February Revolution, 1917 - Reasons for the February Revolution, 1917 - Higher History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

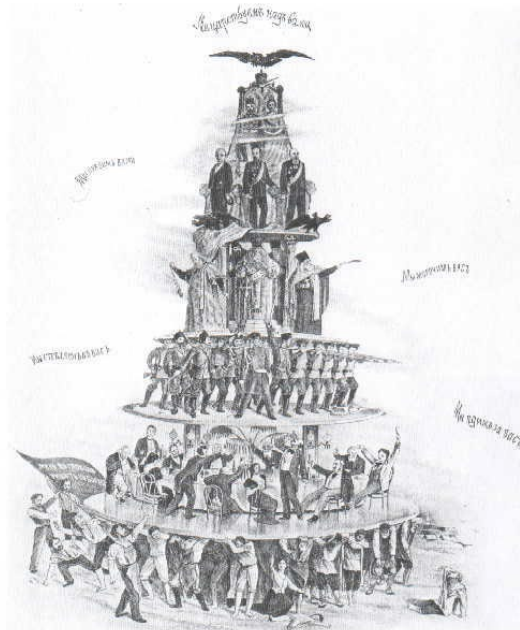
[Factors leading to the success of the October Revolution - Reasons for the success of the October Revolution, 1917 - Higher History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Reasons for the victory of the Reds in the Civil War - Reasons for the victory of the Reds in the Civil War - Higher History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

Task three: Russia the wedding cake

Read through the webpage: [Factors affecting the security of the Tsarist state before 1905 - Security of the Tsarist state before 1905 - Higher History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

Study the source below and complete the questions:



Imperial Russia's social structure depicted in an anonymous cartoon of 1900 issued by the Union of Russian Socialists.

1. Russian society has often been described as a wedding cake? Why?
2. What does autocracy mean?
3. How does the wedding cake diagram summarise autocracy?
4. Which layer on the wedding cake diagram was the most important to keeping control in Russia? Why?

Task four: Key profiles

Make a fact file/ biography about each of these key characters in the Russian Revolution.

Use the internet to search for information.

- Tsar Nicholas II
- Tsarina Alexandra
- Rasputin
- Lenin
- Trotsky
- Stalin

Find out about:

- 1.Their name (include a picture if you wish)
- 2.The dates they were in power
- 3.What happened during their leadership (any key events)
4. Any of their key policies
5. Any interesting facts that you can find

Task five: Watch/ Read/ Listen

Choose one item from each list and WATCH/ READ / LISTEN to expand your knowledge on Russia and get into the mind of Russian people at the turn of the 20th Century.

Watch
<p>BBC Empire of the Tsars Romanov Russia: https://youtu.be/0Q7dKuwoXc</p> <p>The Last Czars (Netflix, Entertaining BUT lots of inaccuracies. Can you spot them!)</p> <p>Rasputin: Dark servant of destiny https://youtu.be/QLmpPtche_Y?list=PL6A42C7C54B53BD74 Old but good!</p>
Read
<p>Tsar's Days: How Russia Remembers the Romanovs HistoryExtra</p> <p>The Russian Revolution: How 1917 Shaped A Century HistoryExtra</p> <p>The Routes of Revolution by G Stedman Jones</p>
Listen
<p>Lenin and the Russian revolutions HistoryExtra</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p003k9b2</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0b2gspd</p>