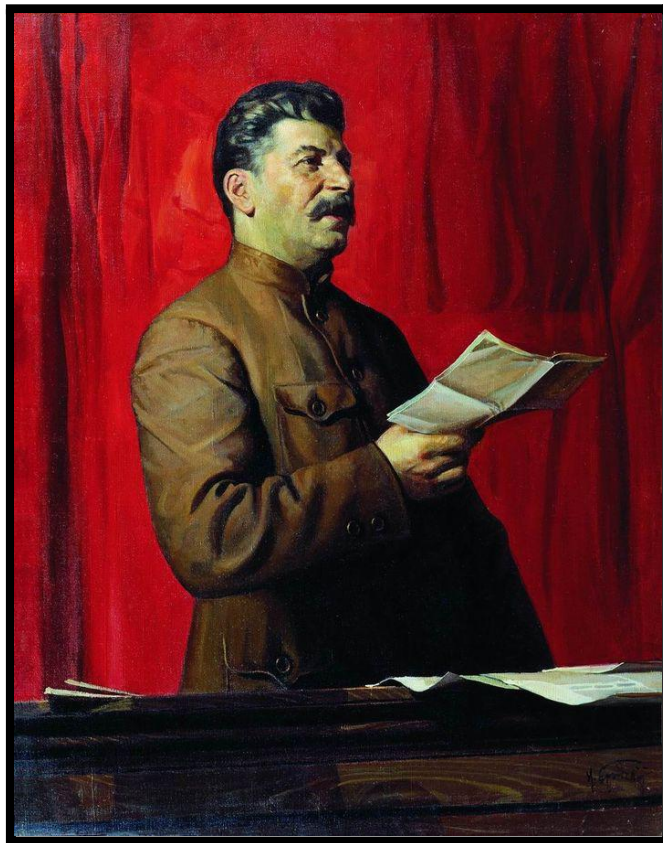


# YEAR 12 HISTORY TRANSITION BOOKLET

Pre- Course preparation and reading

**Revolution and Dictatorship:**

**Russia 1917-53**



## Year 12 Induction Programme: Russia

The following programme is designed to prepare you for A level History for the following topics:

### **Paper 2: Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia 1917-53**

You must aim to complete all sections of the programme to ensure that you have a thorough understanding of the background of the Russian Revolution. It is suggested that you complete a task each week. Suggested website links are included. **You should make a copy of and save this document (include your full name in the file title) and then type your notes on to this document.**

### **Paper 2 Breakdown:**

**Written exam:** 2 hours 30 minutes (worth 40% of overall grade)

#### **Questions**

- Section A – one compulsory question linked to historical Sources (30 marks)
- Section B – two from three essays (2 x 25 marks)

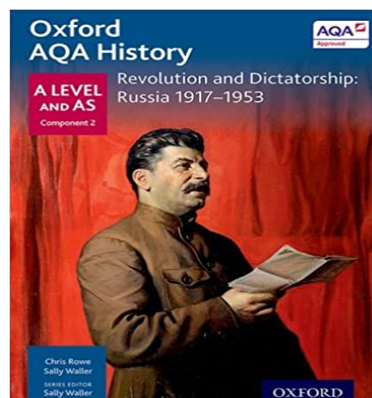
#### **Yr 12 - Part one: The Russian Revolution and the Rise of Stalin, 1917–1929**

- Dissent and Revolution, 1917
- Bolshevik consolidation, 1918–1924
- Stalin's rise to power, 1924–1929


#### **Yr 13- Part two: Stalin's Rule, 1929–1953**

- Economy and society, 1929–1941
- Stalinism, politics and control, 1929–1941
- The Great Patriotic War and Stalin's Dictatorship, 1941–1953

This is the A-Level textbook for year 12 history, if you want to get a head start! You will need to buy it in September but do not need it to complete preparation work.



Oxford AQA History for A Level: Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia 1917-1953 Paperback – 1 May 2016

<b>Week</b>	<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Resources/ Links</b>
1	<p><b>Watch the following video (The Russian Revolution 1917 - Epic History TV).</b> Make notes on the background of what Russia was like under the Tsars and how the Revolution came about. Answer these questions as you go</p> <p><u>Q1. Why was WW1 a disaster for Tsarist Russia?</u></p>          <p><u>Q2. What did people hope for after the February revolution?</u></p>          <p><u>Q3. Who were the Bolsheviks and what was their slogan?</u></p>          <p><u>Q4. What were the People Soviets?</u></p>          <p><u>Q5. Who were the Red Guards?</u></p>	<p><a href="#">The Russian Revolution 1917</a></p> 

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**Read Revolutionary Russia 1891 - 1991, Orlando Figes Chapter 1: The start.**

Make notes on what conditions were like in Russia under the Tsars, use the following headings to help you:

**The Tsar and his government:**

**Russian Society:**

**The Russian Economy:**

**Opposition to the Tsar:**

(see google classroom attachments for scan of chapter)



**Optional challenge:**  
Challenge yourself by reading the whole book! This tells the story of our course beautifully.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revolutionary-Russia-1891-1991-Pelican-Introduction-ebook/dp/B00I9PVKLQ/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=3PEJFXWKHF5XF&dchild=1&keywords=revolutionary+russia+1891-1991+orlando+figes&qid=1586612778&s=books&prefix=revolutionary+russ%2Cstripbooks%2C167&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revolutionary-Russia-1891-1991-Pelican-Introduction-ebook/dp/B00I9PVKLQ/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3PEJFXWKHF5XF&dchild=1&keywords=revolutionary+russia+1891-1991+orlando+figes&qid=1586612778&s=books&prefix=revolutionary+russ%2Cstripbooks%2C167&sr=1-1)

3.

**Get creative!! Make your own podcast!**

Choose one of the events from those listed below.

Find out when it happened – why it happened i.e. cause – what were the consequences and outcomes. Find out the names of any key people/ places and what their involvement was – find out any interesting facts. 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 your history teacher to check that this is acceptable. Pick a topic that interests you!

You could download the free app – Anchor – this allows you to make podcasts with ease! Please be mindful of not publishing them for public consumption though – ensure that you click the bit that says you can control if it is published or not. Your podcast can be emailed to your teacher once you've completed it, straight from the app. Make sure that you create an episode and not just a trailer, as a trailer will only allow you to record for one minute! The app is pretty straightforward and self-explanatory, but again – remember not to publish it for everyone to hear! Later we could share these for revision tools.

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

[Attempts to strengthen Tsarism. 1905-1914 - Attempts to strengthen Tsarism. 1905-1914 - Higher History Revision](#)

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

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

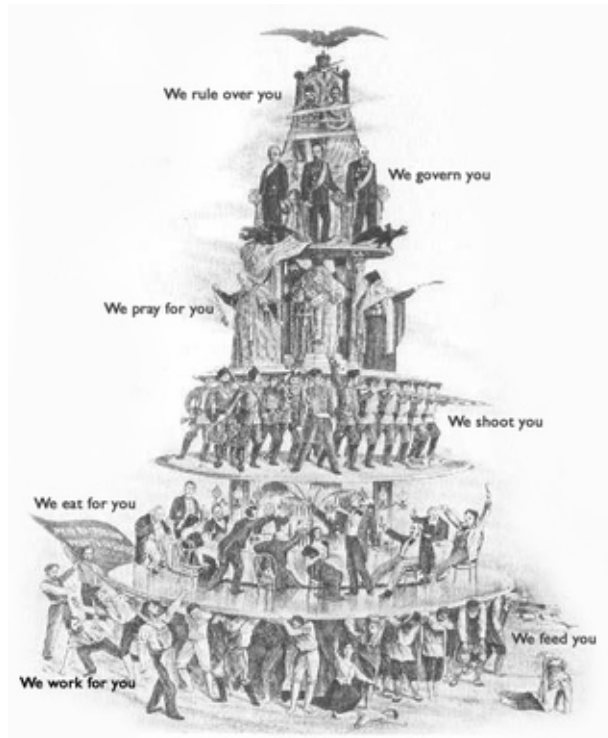
[Reasons for the victory of the Reds in the Civil War - Reasons for the victory of the Reds in the Civil War - Higher History Revision](#)

[KS5 Paper 2 Russia 1894-1924](#)

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### **Russia: The Wedding Cake**

Read the webpage and study the diagram below.



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?

[Factors affecting the security of the Tsarist state before 1905 - Security of the Tsarist state before 1905 - Higher History Revision](#)

5	<p><b><u>Key Profiles:</u></b></p> <p>Make a fact file/ biography about each of these key characters in the Russian Revolution. Use the internet to search for information, see useful links.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tsar Nicholas II</li> <li>● Tsarina Alexandra</li> <li>● Rasputin</li> <li>● Lenin</li> <li>● Trotsky</li> <li>● Stalin</li> </ul> <p>Find out about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Their name (include a picture if you wish)</li> <li>2.The dates they were in power</li> <li>3.What happened during their leadership (any key events)</li> <li>4. Any of their key policies</li> <li>5. Any interesting facts that you can find</li> </ol>	<p><a href="#">Russian History (Revision)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Nicholas II   Biography, Death, &amp; Facts   Britannica</a></p>
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6. 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.

<b>Watch: Russia</b>	<b>Read: Russia</b>	<b>Listen: Russia</b>
<p><b><u>Documentary:</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">The Russian Revolution - BBC Full Documentary</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Russian Revolution</a> (Netflix)</p> <p><b><u>Film/ TV:</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">The Last Czars</a> (Netflix, Entertaining <b>BUT</b> lots of inaccuracies. Can you spot them!)</p> <p>Rasputin: Dark Servant of Destiny" - Complete 1996 TV-Movie <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSxvDseB74">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSxvDseB74</a></p>	<p><b><u>Articles:</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Tsar's Days: How Russia Remembers the Romanovs</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Russian Revolution: How 1917 Shaped A Century</a></p> <p>(see attachments on googleclassroom)</p> <p>The Routes of Revolution by G Stedman Jones</p>	<p><b><u>Podcasts:</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Lenin and the Russian revolutions</a></p> <p><a href="#">In Our Time, The Emancipation of the Serfs</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p003k9b2">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p003k9b2</a></p>