

A-Level History (AQA)- Transition Work

Thank you for choosing to study A-Level History...you have made a great choice! During the two-year course you will study three historical periods/topics:

- Paper 1- Tsarist and Communist Russia (1855-1964)
- Paper 2- The Making of Modern Britain (1951-2007)
- Non-Examined Assessment (Coursework) – The Tudors (1485-1603)

Paper One- Tsarist and Communist Russia 1855-1964 Transition Work Tasks

Tsarist and Communist Russia is a breadth study that looks at the sweeping changes that took place in Russia from the era of the Tsars to the imposition of Communism. You will learn about what it means to be governed by autocrats and dictators. You will find out about how political revolutions can de-stabilise a whole nation and how individuals can come to dominate millions of people.



1. Read more about the course content
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/as-and-a-level/history-7041-7042/subject-content/1h-tsarist-and-communist-russia,-1855-1964>
2. Write a profile (one page A4) for **one** of the following people:
 - a. Tsar Alexander II
 - b. Tsar Alexander III
 - c. Tsar Nicholas II
 - d. Lenin
 - e. Stalin
 - f. Khrushchev

You need to cover the following in their profile: their background (key dates, family, upbringing, etc), key events and their details during their time in power, their effectiveness as leader (strengths and weaknesses), your overall judgement of their time in power.

Use the internet to complete your research. Your profile can be presented in any format you like. You will be sharing your findings with the rest of the class during your first week in September where you will deliver a group presentation on your chosen individual.

Paper Two- The Making of Modern Britain 1951- 2007 Transition Work Tasks

The Making of Modern Britain is a depth study that looks at political, economic, and social change in Britain since WW2. You will learn about fascinating characters, dubious scandals, sensitive issues, cultural movements, and controversial wars. Studying this topic will help you to understand why Britain is like it is today.



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2. Write a profile (one page A4) on **one** of the following Prime Ministers that have been in office since WW2:
 - a. Clement Atlee
 - b. Winston Churchill
 - c. Anthony Eden
 - d. Harold Macmillan
 - e. Sir Douglas Home
 - f. Harold Wilson
 - g. Edward Heath
 - h. James Callaghan
 - i. Margaret Thatcher
 - j. John Major
 - k. Tony Blair

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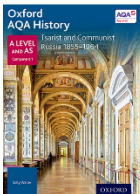
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Core Textbooks:

There are two core textbooks that you will need for your studies. Many students prefer to buy copies for themselves prior to the start of the course, although departmental copies are available to borrow.



The Making of Modern Britain 1951-2007, (Oxford), J. M. A. Hugh

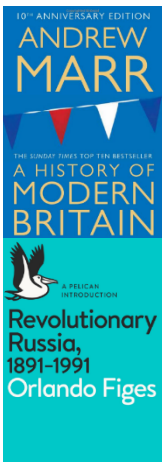


Tsarist and Communist Russia 1855-1964, (Oxford), Sally Waller

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Optional wider reading during your studies:

To develop your knowledge and understanding further, we recommend that you read widely around the subject. Students often choose their own books to read that are related to their studies. However, here are some of our recommendations:



A detailed account of recent British History, also available to watch as a series.



A great summary account of the History of Russia by one of the best historians.



One of the best accounts of the Russian Revolution and the aftermath. Very detailed and brilliantly written.

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Optional wider viewing:

There are lots of videos, documentaries, and films that relate to the topics that you study. Some students have enjoyed watching 'The Crown' as a good way to extend their knowledge of recent British history. Andrew Marr's BBC documentaries on Modern Britain are excellent, as are the BBC documentaries on Margaret Thatcher, 'A Very British Revolution'. In terms of the Russia topic, students have enjoyed watching 'The Death of Stalin', a satirical black comedy. The documentaries by Lucy Worsley, 'Empire of the Tsars', are also highly recommended.

