

The Cold War in Asia History A Level Pre-Course Preparation



Welcome to History! In preparation for September we would like you to begin getting to know about the Cold War in Asia and some of the key events and concepts that are part of our new and exciting course. We hope that you find these enjoyable and interesting and that they provide you with a flavour of what is to come in September and a bit of a background to some of the individuals that we study. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas **IN THE FIRST LESSON BACK IN SEPTEMBER** when we will be drawing on this knowledge in our lesson.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have not studied the Cold War before please make sure you read and watch the following before completing any of the other work.

1. BBC The Cold War series: Episode One
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22KIQ1QNnhE&list=PLmFpuLsumHidmOgHk37PfB4NCR7G7mtbd>
2. Click the following links from 1941-91 and make notes on the Cold War
 - a. [Early tension between East and West - The Cold War origins 1941-56 - Edexcel - GCSE History Revision - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize](#)
 - b. [Background to the crises, 1958-1970 - The Cold War 1958-1970 - Edexcel - GCSE History Revision - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize](#)

TASK 1 – The Second World War in Asia

1. Listen <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3cszbfg> goes through the Second World War from an economic perspective.
2. Read this summary of the end of the second world war and the start of the cold war
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z3nd6yc/revision/1>
3. Want to stretch your reading? Have a go at Odd Arne Westad's chapter on Asia.

TASK 2 - Western powers in Asia before 1950

1. Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2lcmLkuhG0>
2. Read through p. 1-10 of the transition reading and use to fill in the glossary page, and create a timeline on the Western Powers in East and Southeast Asia to 1945. You might find it useful to have a map open whilst you read this – there's one on p. 3 of the transition reading.
3. You could also read the 'CWIA OCR red book intro' to this course.

TASK 3 – Individuals we need to get to know

Use p. 4-7 and 11-14 of the transition reading document to create a fact-file page of the key individuals on topic 1 of the Cold War in Asia topic

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| ● Josef Stalin | ● Jiang Jieshi (Chiang Kai-Shek) | ● Manuel Roxas |
| ● Harry S. Truman | ● Douglas MacArthur | ● Syngman Rhee |
| ● Mao Zedong | | ● Kim Il Sung |

You could add to this with further research if you wanted to find out more.

TASK 4 – Finally, chose one of these tasks:

3. Read through the information on the Vietnam War on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z8kw3k7/revision/1>
4. Read through the information on the Korean War on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zqqd6yc/revision/1>
5. Watch 20th Century Battlefields on Korea:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmzGSbdA64U&list=PLA5e6wnPHowgxrmzVVISMSYDpjiVNH15X&index=4>
6. And Vietnam:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BK4UHkQUY0&list=PLA5e6wnPHowgxrmzVVISMSYDpjiVNH15X&index=5>
7. BBC The Cold War series: Episode One
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22KIQ1QNnhE&list=PLmFpuLsumHidmOqHk37PfB4NCR7G7mtbd>

If you need any help or have any questions about this preparation work you can contact us by email:
Mrs Canning – pcanning@littleheath.org.uk Miss Elsdon – kelsdon@littleheath.org.uk

Inspired? If you can't wait until September to find out more you could:

- Go back over your Cold War GCSE course so you're happy with the causes of the Cold War particularly
 - <https://www.historyextra.com/period/second-world-war/chinas-forgotten-second-world-war/>
 - <https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/a-quick-guide-to-japans-role-in-the-second-world-war>
 - <https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/britains-war-in-the-far-east-during-the-second-world-war>
- If you have access to Netflix you could watch: The Vietnam War by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick (it is rated mature just so you are aware!) <https://www.netflix.com/title/80997770>
- The Cold War by Odd Arne Westad can be accessed on Google Books (doesn't have complete copy though) <https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=4fotDwAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=the+cold+war+odd+arne+westad&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj3o-68gejpAhVRaRUIHYRVCAAQ6wEITDAE#v=onepage&q&f=true>
- In Our Time Podcast: Karl Marx <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p003k9jg>
- In Our Time: Sino Japanese War <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b042ldyq>
- In Our Time: Opium Wars <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00776k9>
- Witness History Podcast on The Beginning of the Korean War:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3cswsn8>
- Witness History Podcast on The Korean War: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0086hv0>
- BBC Witness History Podcast on The Vietnam War: Surviving the 'Christmas Bombing Campaign':
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3csyww8>
- The BBC have done a series of documentaries on the aftermath of the Cold War, here is one on Indonesia:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3cszbfg>
- BBC Race Across the World S1 Ep5, particularly at 48 mins <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0003wy2> visiting Choeung Ek killing fields of Cambodia.

Or just check out the 'read watch listen' list for this topic