



A-level History: Summer Work 2018

Expectation for first lesson

Have a lever arch file for this topic (a ring binder is too small), with dividers. Your sections are:

- Essays and exam guidance.
- Background
- Establishing Communist rule, 1949-57
- Agricultural and industry, 1949-65
- The Cultural Revolution and its aftermath, 1966-76
- Social and cultural changes, 1949-76
- Wider reading

Texts:

The text that we are going to be using is Communist States in the Twentieth Century ed. Rosemary Rees published by Pearson. It covers BOTH Russia and China and is *specifically* written for our course.

Other books you could read:

This course is all about Mao as a Communist ruler, so anything you read, or watch about him will be useful. I also suggest you could familiarise yourself with China from 1911 -1949, an overview.

The following two books will give you contrasting views. We are not expecting you to have read them fully.

Michael Lynch: Mao (Short book)

Jung Chang & Jan Halliday: Mao: The Unknown story (Very long book)