



A-level History: Lenin to Yeltsin Summer Work

You will be expected to complete this task for your first lesson back in September.

Based on what you have learned today you need to read the information provided and answer the questions, using the sources on BeauSandVer.org. You will be expected to bring this to the lesson so the teacher can see you have done the task (no more than 2 sides of A4).

In class, you will be divided into smaller groups (1 group per topic) and then will have to present your findings to the rest of the class.

Also:

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

- Essays and exam guidance.
- Background
- The Communist Government in the USSR 1917-85
- Industrial and Agricultural change 1917-85
- Control of the people, 1917-85
- Social developments 1917-85
- What explains the fall of the USSR c1985-91

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:

There is a HUGE selection of books in the school library (far too many to list here!)

For an overview:

Orlando Figes Revolutionary Russia, 1891-1991 (2014) is clear, with clearly justified opinions and interesting points to make. Easily divided into sections so you can be selective and covers most of the detail that we will cover.

For depth:

Stalin: The Court of the Red Tsar, Simon Sebag Montefiore (2014) a very detailed book, but again in sections so you can dip into topics that may appeal. Well supported and a chilling insight into the longest ruling of the dictators that we will look at

* If you would like to watch the rest of the programme that you saw in this lesson, it is from programme 1 of 'The Land of the Tsars' which is widely available on YouTube.