

# HISTORY

**Examining Body:** OCR

**Specification No.** H105(AS) H505(A2)

Unit 1 - Britain 1930–1997 (Source Enquiry: Churchill 1930–1951)

*Britain 1930-1997* Nicholas Fellows and Mike Wells

Unit 2 - The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon 1774–1815

*Access to History: France in Revolution 1774-1815* by Dylan Rees and Duncan Townson

Unit 3 – Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964

Andrew Holland: OCR A Historical Themes: Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964

You will be provided with BOTH these resources and will be expected to return them at the end of the course. Additional resources are available in the Sixth Form section of the school library.

## **Additional Resources List:**

*Churchill*, Samantha Heywood – Strongly recommend

*A History of Modern Britain*, Andrew Marr – Recommend

*OCR AS/A-level History Britain 1930-1997*, Revision notes, Mike Wells – Strongly recommend

*Access to History: Britain 1945-2007* by Michael Lynch – Additional reading

Mike Wells: OCR A Level History A: Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964 – Strongly recommend

Andrew Holland: My Revision Notes: OCR A: Russia and Its Rulers – Recommend

Chris Corin: Russia under Tsarism and Communism 1881-1953- Additional reading

Derrick Murphy: Russia 1855-1964 - Additional reading

Orlando Figes: Revolutionary Russia 1891-1991 – Recommend

## **Summer preparatory tasks: Britain 1930-1997**

### Task 1

- a) Complete the A3 table looking at Churchill's career before 1929. You should use the hand out and sources to complete the table. Reading from '*Churchill*, Samantha Heywood.' Pg2-4; switching parties and Ireland. Pg17-23; Gallipoli and WW1. Pg34-43; Gold standard and General strike. You will need to do your own research to find out more about each event as well.

### Task Two

- a) Produce a timeline of the key events in British politics and foreign affairs including prime ministers, governments and wars, between 1951 and 1997. You **must** include; the elections from 1951-1997 and who won each election, every prime minister in this period, when they became PM and when they left office, the Profumo affair, the Notting hill Race Riots, Social reforms 1964-70, the 3 day week, the winter of discontent, Thatcher's miners' strike, the Korean War, the Suez Crisis, the Falklands war and the Gulf War.

**This should take you about 2 hours**

## Summer preparatory tasks: Russia and its Rulers

### Task One

Create a brief profile for each of the following leaders: Alexander II, Alexander III, Nicholas II, Provisional Government, Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev.

In each one you should include how they ruled Russia, industrial and agricultural changes, wars and revolutions during their rule and key events. Please include three pictures which sum up their time in power.

You should try to use the following words: Communism, dictator, autocracy, Russian orthodox Church, serfdom, Duma, democracy, railways, secret police, propaganda.

### Task Two - What was Russia like before 1855?

Please complete the required reading 'Edward Acton – *Russia, The Tsarist and Soviet Legacy.*' You need to provide answers to the following questions;

- 1) Why was the 18<sup>th</sup> century so important for the development of the Russian Empire?
- 2) Why was 1812 significant for Russia's status in Europe?
- 3) Why was the Crimean War important for Russia's development?
- 4) Why was Russia's army deemed as weak and ineffective during the Crimean War?
  - a. How did this compare to the remainder of Europe?
- 5) What was Russia like economically by 1855?
  - a. Agriculture
  - b. Industry
  - c. Money
- 6) What was serfdom?
- 7) How did the upper class and Tsar view serfdom?
- 8) What was Russia like politically before 1855?
- 9) Why at points did the Upper class question the Tsar?
- 10) Why did the Tsar in some cases depend on the nobility?
- 11) How did opposition manifest itself? How was it dealt with?
- 12) Culturally, what was happening in Russia by 1855?
  - a. Define the words Westerniser and Slavophile.
  - b. How did Peter the Great change things?
- 13) Was the cultural revolution experienced and welcomed by all?