



## Christopher Whitehead Sixth Form

### A-level History Summer Bridging Task

As you are aware the History A-level is split in to two different topics; Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia 1917-53 and Industrialisation and the People: Britain 1783-1885. As your course comprises of two very different topics we are going to set you two different tasks to complete. The task set on Russia 1917-53 must be handed in to Mr Mobberley and the Britain 1783-1885 task must be given to Mr Hall. We would prefer work to be typed if possible but it isn't essential and presented clearly and neatly. It must be handed in to the correct teacher in your first lesson with them.

#### **PART ONE – Russia and Dictatorship in Russia 1917-1953 – spend at least 2 hours on this section**

We recommend that you purchase the following course text book:

**Oxford AQA History for A Level: Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia 1917-1953**

#### **Task 1:**

Take a trip to the Hive and find some books on Russia pre-1914 or buy the core textbook. Produce a report covering on what Russia was like at the turn of the twentieth century, mainly in the years 1900-1914. In your report, you should cover the following aspects with a detailed set of notes to cover each:

1. Social – who is who in Russia and what do they do? Serfs? Tsars? Nobles? What is the geographical landscape and make-up of society? Describe and explain what their lives are like and what are their demands?
2. Economic – what is the main industry? How rich is Russia? How far do you agree it was a backwards nation before 1914?
3. Political – Who is in charge? Where does power lie? Explain the strengths and weaknesses of Autocracy in Russia.

#### **Task 2**

Research and make notes about the following leading figures:

- Tsar Nicholas II
- Lenin
- Stalin
- Stolypin
- Witte

**Go further:** If you would like to give yourself a head start, there are lots of documentaries about the Russian Revolution, Tsar Nicholas II, Lenin, and Stalin on Youtube, watching a few of these will give you an insight into the course and aid your understanding.

## **PART TWO -British Summer Task at least 2 hours**

We recommend that you buy the following course text book:

### **Oxford A Level History for AQA: Industrialisation and the People: Britain c1783-1885**

In the first part of the A Level British history course you will be studying Britain 1783-1812. In order for you to make a really positive start to the course I would like you to do the following.

A 500 word summary of what Britain was like in the 18th century using an article/articles from:

<http://www.bl.uk/georgian-britain/articles/the-industrial-revolution>

<http://www.bl.uk/georgian-britain/articles/the-rise-of-cities-in-the-18th-century>

<http://www.bl.uk/georgian-britain/articles/popular-politics-in-the-18th-century>

Research and produce short biographies for the following people:

- William Pitt the Younger
- George III
- Charles Fox
- Thomas Paine
- Edmund Burke

Research and make notes about the following:

- Whigs
- Tories
- Rotten borough
- patronage
- General Election 1784
- The impact of the French Revolution on Britain

The more you do the easier you will find it in September. We look forward to teaching you.