

## **NSB A-Level History**

### **Edexcel GCE History – Route E: Communist states in the twentieth century**

Three examinations components:

- Paper 1, Option 1E: Russia, 1917–91: from Lenin to Yeltsin (30%)
- Paper 2, Option 2E.1: Mao's China, 1949–76 (20%)
- Option 31: Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors, 1485–1603 (30%)

Coursework component (about China) (20%)

### **Preparation work for A level study**

#### **Preparatory Homework – Russia**

Two part research project, to be handed in the first lesson of September.

##### Part A – Soviet Leaders

Give yourself a narrative understanding of communist rule in Russia, by creating a timeline of leaders of Russia. Include images, dates and any other key events you can discover during this period.

##### Part B – The Russian Revolution:

- Research and then write a brief explanation (200 words max) of how Russia was ruled before the 1917 Revolution.
- Identify three causes of the Russian Revolution and describe how and why they caused the fall of the previous regime.
- Identify three key individuals involved in the Revolution and write a 100 -200 word description of them and their involvement.

#### **Preparatory Homework – China**

##### Part A – The Long March (500 words)

- What was the Long March?
- Why did it take place?
- Who were the leader(s) and what did they believe?
- What was the significance of the Long March?
- What did this do for Communism in China?

##### Part B – China and WW2 (500 words)

Looking at 1931-45, you must read about, and then complete, an essay about China during WW2. Look at the invasion of Manchuria (in 1931) through to the defeat of Japan in 1945.

You need to identify significant events (and why they were significant), as well as consequences of the conflict.

#### **Preparatory Homework – Tudors**

Within 3 weeks of returning to school in September you will complete an examination style essay in timed conditions. This essay will be based on the work we are asking you to complete over the summer holidays.

Research the developments of the Renaissance and Reformation to answer the following:

1. Explain how you think the Renaissance changed countries in the 15th Century.
2. How do you think Humanistic writing would affect religious thinking of the time?
3. How did the writing of Machiavelli change attitudes towards politics in the 15th Century.
4. What criticisms were there of the Roman Catholic church in the late 15th and early 16th Centuries?

5. What conditions existed in the 16th Century that allowed the Reformation to occur?
6. What were the causes of the Reformation in Germany?
7. How did Martin Luther's ideas on religion differ from the Catholic Church?
8. What impact did the Reformation have on people's lives?
9. How did the English Reformation change the role of Parliament in England?
10. What was Thomas Cromwell's agenda?