

# Year 11 - 12 Bridging the Gap

GCSE → A Level

A Level History

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## Course Breakdown

Edexcel History A Level			
Paper	Content	Weightings	Further information
Paper 1: Breadth study with interpretations	Option 1E: Russia, 1917-91: from Lenin to Yeltsin	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 hours 15 minutes exam</li> <li>• Section A: One essay from a choice of two</li> <li>• Section B: One essay from a choice of two</li> <li>• Section C: One essay question that assesses the ability to analyse and evaluate two interpretations</li> </ul>
Paper 2: Depth study	Option 2E.1: Mao's China, 1945-76	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hour 30 minutes exam</li> <li>• Section A: One essay that assesses the ability to analyse and evaluate two sources that are contemporary to the period</li> <li>• Section B: One essay from a choice of two</li> </ul>
Paper 3: Themes in breadth with aspects in depth	Option 35.1: Britain: losing and gaining an empire, 1763–1914  Or  Option 34.2 Poverty, public health and the state in Britain, c1780-1939	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 hours 15 minutes exam</li> <li>• Section A: One essay that assesses the ability to analyse and evaluate two sources that are contemporary to the period</li> <li>• Section B: One essay from a choice of two</li> <li>• Section C: One essay from a choice of two</li> </ul>
Coursework	TBC- this will be picked to suit the cohort of students	20%	Students carry out an independently-researched enquiry requiring them to analyse and evaluate historical interpretations and to organise and communicate the findings.



## Year 1

Option 1E: Russia, 1917-91: from Lenin to Yeltsin with Mr Kidman

Option 2E.1: Mao's China, 1945-76 with Miss Graham

## Year 2

Option 35.1 Britain: losing and gaining an empire, 1763–1914 OR Option 34.2 Poverty, public health and the state in Britain, c1780-1939 (we will make this decision in discussion with the cohort)

Coursework

## Recommended Reading

Orlando Figes- *Revolutionary Russia 1891-1991*, (2014)

Sheila Fitzpatrick- *The Shortest History of the Soviet Union* (2022)

Gordon Kerr- *A Short History of China: From Ancient Dynasties to Economic Powerhouse*, (2013)

Jung Chang- *Wild Swans*, (2016)

Jonathan Spence- *The Search for Modern China*, (2013)

## Scholarly Articles

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/edwardian/romanovs-legacy-russian-royal-imperial-family-remembered-russia-tsars-days-eka>

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/20th-century/vladimir-lenin-who-power-rise-how-russian-revolution/>

Follow this link for a series of articles on Mao: <https://www.historytoday.com/archive/people/mao-zedong>

## YouTube

Royal History's Biggest Fibs: The Russian Revolution | BBC Documentary with Lucy Worsley:

[https://youtu.be/\\_3wDHtBY9Pc](https://youtu.be/_3wDHtBY9Pc)

The Russian Revolution Oversimplified: <https://youtu.be/Cqbleas1mmo>

The Cold War Oversimplified: <https://youtu.be/l79TpDe3t2g>

Sound Smart China's Cultural Revolution: <https://youtu.be/KCLJKncqehc>

Frank Dikotter- Mao's Great Famine <https://youtu.be/4y46gA9WsEw>

## Podcasts

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/20th-century/russian-revolution-everything-wanted-know-podcast-robert-service/>

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/20th-century/maoism-who-was-mao-communist-leader-china-ideology-cundill-history-prize/>



### **TASK 1**

Create a timeline of events in Russia from to 1894 to 1917

Helpful links: (This is to help you start, you will need to go further than these)

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Nicholas-II-tsar-of-Russia>

<https://www.bl.uk/russian-revolution/articles/timeline-of-the-russian-revolution>

<https://www.history.com/topics/russia/russian-revolution>

<https://spartacus-educational.com/Russia.htm>

### **TASK 2**

Create biographies of the following key figures from Soviet history 1919-1991: Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Malenkov, Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Kosygin, Andropov, Chernenko, Gorbachev.

Make sure you include in your biography: their early life, what they were notable for, how they died (if applicable), how they are remembered.

Helpful links: (This is to help you start, you will need to go further than these)

[www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)

[www.history.com](http://www.history.com)

<https://spartacus-educational.com/ColdWar.htm>

### **TASK 3**

Create a timeline showing both events in China and the rise of the Communist Party in China, 1917-1949

Helpful links: (This is to help you start, you will need to go further than these)

<https://www.chipublib.org/timeline-of-chinas-modern-history/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zgtg87h/revision/1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-13017882>

<https://www.history.com/topics/china/china-timeline>

### **TASK 4**

Create biographies of the following key figures from Chinese politics 1949-1976: Mao, Zhou Enlai, Liu Shaoqi, Jiang Qing, Ding Ling, Lin Biao, Chen Boda and Deng Xiaoping.

Helpful links: (This is to help you start, you will need to go further than these)

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/mao\\_zedong.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/mao_zedong.shtml)

[www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)