

HISTORY A (J410)

(EXPLAINING THE MODERN WORLD)

Scheme of work for Russia 1928-1964

Note: Based on 3x 50 minute lessons per week.

Terms based on 6 term year.

Key Topic	Term	Lesson number	Indicative Content	Extended Content	Resources
Stalin's Russia 1928-1941	1	1-2	The abandonment of the NEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why Lenin introduced the NEP How the NEP changed communist Russia Whether the NEP was a success Whether the NEP was a mark of Lenin's failure or success? 	Explaining the Modern World GCSE BBC bitesize, NEP Russia and the Soviet Union; From Tsar to Stalin, 1917-1945, David Thomas and Mark Mcandrew
		3-4	Collectivisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stalin's relationship with the Peasants The decision to collectivise The process of collectivisation The results of collectivisation The key personalities and groups involved in collectivisation 	Modern Russia, John Rowbottom, Stalin and Stalinism, Alan Wood http://www.sovietposters.com/ excellent site with a variety of Soviet propaganda posters with descriptions
		5-6	The Five Year Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reasons for the 5 year plans Evaluating the relative successes of the 5 year plans The reaction of the Soviet People to the five year plans The impact of the five year plans on Russian industry, agriculture and infrastructure 	Access to History; Russia and its rulers 1855-1964



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		7-8	Social and Cultural Change under Stalin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stalin's influence over the party The notion of the "common good" The social revolution The reorganisation of the churches Changes to education policy including the 1935 education law Policies towards marriage Socialist realism Manipulation of popular culture through the cult of Stalin 	
		9-10	Soviet use of propaganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soviet theory of propaganda Use of different forms of media across Russia including youth organisations and the propaganda train Themes in Soviet propaganda; class enemy, mass movement, peace loving, anti-religion, anti-intellectual Examples of soviet propaganda – opportunities for analysis 	
		11-12	Repression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The early purges and the reasons for them The show trials The Great Purge of the 1930's 	



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The great patriotic war and its effects 1941-1953		13-14	The German invasion of Russia in 1941 and the siege of Leningrad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Barborossa • Soviet defeats and loss of territory • The German encirclement of Leningrad • The siege of Leningrad and its consequences for soviet citizens there 	Russia and the Soviet Union; From Tsar to Stalin, 1917-1945, David Thomas and Mark Mcandrew Modern Russia, John Rowbottom, Stalin and Stalinism, Alan Wood
		15-16	The Soviet War effort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of war on industrial production • Soviet wartime propaganda campaign • Soviet losses in the field • The rise of nationalism and the reinstatement of the church 	http://www.globalresearch.ca/world-war-ii-the-decisive-role-of-the-russian-people-in-defeating-nazi-germany/5619 (research paper - who was most responsible for Russian victory in WW2)
		17	Treatment of minorities in Soviet Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SS Einsatzgruppen operations in the Ukraine and the impact on Ukranian people • The holocaust in Russia 	http://museumofworldwarII.org/russia.html (wartime propaganda posters and other primary sources)
		18	Postwar treatment of prisoners and the post war purges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of German prisoners of war after WW2 up to 1955 • New Purges • Clampdown on Western influence on Russia after WW2 and the onset of the cold war 	Access to History; Russia and its rulers 1855-1964



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Khrushchev's Russia 1953-1964		19	Collective Leadership under Malenkov and Khrushchev	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relaxing of Stalin's terror system; "The Thaw" New freedoms across Russia and Eastern Europe Backlash from Stalin's supporters and backers 	Modern Russia, John Rowbottom, Stalin and Stalinism, Alan Wood http://spartacus-educational.com/RUSkhrushchev.htm (includes primary sources) http://www.russianlife.com/stories/online-archive/nikita-khrushchev/ (excellent overview of who Khrushchev was) "The Lost Khrushchev", Nina Kruscheva Access to History; Russia and its rulers 1855-1964
		20	The Rise of Khrushchev	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khrushchev's background Khrushchev's relationship with Stalin Khrushchev's victory over Malenkov 	
		21	The Secret Speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text of the secret speech The reaction of party officials and members The consequences of the secret speech 	
		22-23	Industry and Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decentralisation of industrial planning The setting up of local economic councils The new 7-year plan of 1958 The changes to state farming; reasons for and effects of the Virgin Lands Policy The success and failure of Khrushchev's economic policies The actions of the KGB Reform of Soviet Prison Camps Living Standards under Khrushchev 	
		24	Social policies and repression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The actions of the KGB Reform of Soviet Prison Camps Living Standards under Khrushchev 	





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