

A-Level History Preparation



Unit 1: Tudor England, 1485-1603

Unit 2: Revolution and Dictatorship in Russia, 1917-1953

Unit 3: Your choice! Get thinking about what history interests you and what you might like to write an essay on.

What you'll need to get: 4 folders, different colour pens / highlighters / pencils etc.

Tudor England, 1485-1603



All documentaries available on YouTube. Watch and make notes on them:

Inside The Court Of Henry VIII Documentary 2015 (55:56)

Henry VII's Dark Truths: The First Tudor King | Henry VII Winter King | Real Royalty (58:50)

Bloody Queens Elizabeth and Mary 2016 - BBC Documentary (57:23)

Film: Mary, Queen of Scots (2018)

Several of these articles are free to non-members:

<https://www.tudorsociety.com/category/public/>

Review: Henry VII's New Men and the Making of Tudor England by Professor Steven Gunn

Oxford University Faculty of History

<http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/article/review-henry-viis-new-men-and-making-tudor-england-professor-steven-gunn>

Lotherington: The Tudor Years (2nd ed.)

Chpt. 2.5 – Henry VII, The problems of order and security

Chpt 2.6 – Henry VII, Governing the provinces

Chpt 2.7 – Henry VII, Parliament

Create a list of all the rulers of England 1485-1603.

Write no more than 5 sentences about the key events in their reign.

Do



WORDS TO LEARN

- ☐ Monarchy
- ☐ Reformation
- ☐ Act of Supremacy
- ☐ Act of Settlement

PEOPLE TO KNOW

- ☐ Henry VII
- ☐ Henry VIII
- ☐ Edward VI
- ☐ Lady Jane Grey
- ☐ Mary I
- ☐ Elizabeth I
- ☐ Duke of Northumberland
- ☐ Mary, Queen of Scots

Russia, 1917-1953



All documentaries available on YouTube. Watch and make notes on them:

Documentary: Last of the Tsars – Nicholas II & Alexandra – Part 1 (49:52)

What problems did the Tsars face?

Key events in Nicholas' reign?

Last of the Czars – 02 – The Shadow of Rasputin (1996) (51.33)

What influence did Rasputin have over the royal family (especially Alexandra)?

The Russian Revolution 1917 (13:41)

Role of Lenin

Key complaints of the people

BBC Horizon – Stalin, Inside The Terror (2004) (1:27:58)

Key events in his rise to power and policies once he was leader

Watch



Russia under the tsars: Reform, reaction and revolution by Nicola Garcia

How stable was Russia before the First World War? by Jonathan Davis

Russia 1917 by Hugh Jebson

Soviet rule in Russia 1917-1924 by Nicolas Kinloch

The Russian Civil War 1918-21, by Hugh Jebson

Stalin and the First Five-Year Plan by Mark Rathbone

Stalin's Purges by Nicholas Williams

Read

Create a list of all the rulers of Russia 1894-1941.

Write no more than 5 sentences about the key events in their reign.

Do

Find and print a map of Russia as it was in 1894, ready for us to use in the first lesson.

WORDS TO LEARN

- ☐ Tsar (Tsardom / Tsarism)
- ☐ Communism
- ☐ Revolution
- ☐ Exile
- ☐ Bolshevik
- ☐ Aristocracy

PEOPLE TO KNOW

- ☐ Tsar Nicholas II (and his wife and children)
- ☐ Rasputin
- ☐ Alexander Kerensky
- ☐ Vladimir Ilyich Lenin
- ☐ Joseph Stalin