

History Bridging Work 2026:

Your A Level History course has two examined parts. A study of Russia between 1917-1953 and a study of Tudor England between 1485-1603. To get you started please spend some time familiarising yourself with the two periods of History so that you are ready to begin your studies in Year 12 from a position of confidence.

Russia:

Using the PDF copy of the Green GCSE 'Understanding the Modern World' textbook, read pages 103-128.

Answer the following questions:

1. Using pages 103-107 - Describe the key political, social and economic features of Russia in 1894. Make no more than a side of notes on this information.
2. Using pages 111-112 – Explain in your own words the impact of WWI on support for the Tsar. Do you think that the Tsar's actions made his downfall more or less likely?
3. Using pages 114-117 – Do you think the Bolshevik seizure of power in October 1917 was only possible because of the mistakes of the Provisional Government. Make a list of Bolshevik actions and Provisional Government mistakes before deciding on your answer.
4. Using pages 122-125 – Choose one of sources 14-19. In your own words explain what it suggests about the reasons why the Reds won the Civil War.
5. Using pages 126-128 – Explain the difference between War Communism and NEP. Was one policy more successful than the other? Explain your answer.

Tudors:

Using any resources available to you (including, but not limited to, books from the school or town library, Wikipedia, YouTube etc.) complete the following tasks:

1. Research the Wars of the Roses. Produce a single side of A4 summary including details of the two sides, the key individuals and battles and who won and why.
2. Outline the key events of the Battle of Bosworth: What happened – who was involved and who won?
3. What was the role of a medieval monarch? How does this differ when compared with the role of the British monarch today?
4. Draw a family tree of the Tudors. Add images.

Please come to your first lesson in September with your research to both areas of the course and be prepared to discuss your findings and thoughts on each question.

Recommended resources to buy:

Tudor A Level History Textbook:

AQA A-level History: The Tudors: England 1485-1603 (AQA A Level History)

Recommended revision guides:

My Revision Notes: AQA AS/A-level History: The Tudors: England, 1485-1603

Optional wider reading: (Please email Mr Herbert or Miss Hotton for further recommendations).

Revolutionary Russia 1891-1991 by Orlando Figes. (Non-fiction – Russia)

The Kitchen Boy by Robert Zimmerman (Fiction – Russia)

Dissolution by C.J. Sansom (Fiction – Tudors)

Bosworth: The birth of the Tudors by Christopher Skidmore. (Non-fiction – Tudors)