

A Level History

To help you to make the best start in your new subject, and to help you explore different and enriching aspects of the subject, your teachers have prepared a Reading, Watching and Listening list. Please access all of these resources over the summer.

	Title	Description	Hyperlink
 Read	A short History of Russia: From Pagans to Putin- Mark Galeotti Also available on kindle/ audiobook	A whistle-stop tour of the world's most misunderstood nation from its early legends - including Ivan the Terrible and Catherine the Great - to the rise and fall of the Romanovs, the Russian Revolution, the Cold War, Chernobyl and the end of the Soviet Union	Link
 Read	The Shortest History of Germany – James Hawes Also available on kindle/ audiobook	James Hawes tells the story of Europe's most admired and feared country, from Julius Caesar to Angela Merkel.	Link
 Read	The Whisperers: Private lives in Stalin's Russia – Orlando Figes Also available on kindle/ audiobook	Drawing on a huge range of sources - letters, memoirs, conversations - Orlando Figes tells the story of how Russians tried to endure life under Stalin, brilliantly conveying the reality of their terrible choices.	Link
 Read	Over the Wall: Six stories from East Germany	Six stories from citizens of the GDR	Link
 Read	Enemies everywhere: photos show absurdity of life under the stasis	An article from the Guardian about the East German secret police	Link
 Read	Alexei Stakhanov: The USSR's superstar miner	An Article from BBC news about a famous Soviet citizen	Link
 Watch	Documentary - Beyond the Wall	In 1970 the German Democratic Republic opened its borders for three weeks to let in a BBC film crew. This documentary follows their travels	Link
 Watch	Documentary - The Russian Revolution	Starting in 1881, this film describes how the personal battle between the royal Romanovs and Lenin's Ulyanov family led to the Russian Revolution.	Link
 Watch	Drama - Deutschland 83/ Deutschland 86/ Deutschland 89	A German television series (with subtitles). A 24-year-old East German soldier is sent to West Germany as an undercover spy for the HVA, the foreign intelligence agency of the Stasi.	Link
 Watch	Drama – Chernobyl	Tells the story of the 1986 nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union	Link
 Listen	Real Dictators Episodes 4,5&6 on Joseph Stalin	An excellent account of Stalin's early life, rise to power and later years.	Link
 Listen	Dan Snow's History Hit – The Russian Revolution	Helen Rappaport, a specialist in Russian history, joins Historian Dan Snow to talk about the Russian Revolution. They run through some key moments in the fall of the Romanovs.	Link
 Listen	Dan Snow's History Hit – Joking about Stalin	Jonathan Waterlow joins Dan Snow to explore how ordinary people used political jokes to cope with and make sense of their lives under Stalinism in the 1930s.	Link

