

## History AQA A-level: Bridging Projects

<b>Component 1H – Tsarist &amp; Communist Russia, 1855-1964</b> <i>Hand to Miss Landy first lesson in September</i>	<b>Component 2E – The English Revolution, 1625-1660</b> <i>Hand to Mr Peacock first lesson in September</i>
<p><b>(1.) Reading</b></p> <p>Read the article from Pinkham: <i>The Sealed Train</i>. As you are reading, or at the end, make a list of factors suggesting that Lenin WAS and WAS NOT the main cause of the Communist Revolution.</p> <p><b>(2.) Writing</b></p> <p>Write at least 400 words answering the following question: “The Communist Revolution in October 1917 would not have happened without Lenin.” How far do you agree?</p> <p>You need to hand in a <b>plan</b> as well as the writing. <i>The reading will help you! You might want to think about other factors led to the Communist Revolution.</i></p> <p><b>(3.) Optional extras</b> – dip into any of the following:</p> <p><b>History books</b> Both of these are long but available on audible so you can listen to them: Orlando Figes, <i>A People’s Tragedy</i>; Martin Sixsmith, <i>Russia: The Wild East</i>. Orlando Figes, <i>Revolutionary Russia</i> is another good read.</p> <p><b>Fiction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Last Days of the Romanovs</i> by Helen Rappaport – an engaging account of the Tsar &amp; his family in their last 13 days.</li><li>• <i>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i> by Alexander Solzhenitsyn – a vivid picture of life in one of Stalin’s gulags.</li></ul> <p><b>Films:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Dr Zhivago</i> – a love story that crosses the revolution.</li><li>• Any of Lucy Worsley’s <i>Empire of the Tsars</i> (on youtube).</li><li>• <i>World War Two in Colour</i> gives some good background to the later part of the course.</li></ul>	<p><b>(1.) Reading</b></p> <p>Read the article from Masson: <i>Origins &amp; causes of the English Civil War</i>. As you are reading, or at the end, make some notes about the different factors that caused the English Civil War.</p> <p><b>(2.) Writing</b></p> <p>Write at least 400 words answering the following question: “Parliament was the main reason for the outbreak of the English Civil War in 1642.” How far do you agree?</p> <p>You need to hand in a <b>plan</b> as well as the writing. <i>The reading will help you! You might want to think about what other factors caused the Civil War.</i></p> <p><b>(3.) Optional extras</b> – dip into any of the following:</p> <p><b>History books:</b> Dip in &amp; out of the following books: Ackroyd, <i>Civil War</i>; Hunt, <i>The English Civil War at first hand</i>. I recommend getting an audiobook of an academic historian (audible is good for that, and you can have a free trial!)</p> <p><b>Fiction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Witchfinder’s sister</i> by Beth Underdown – a compelling if disturbing story of the famous witchfinder, Matthew Hopkins.</li><li>• <i>The Soldier, the Gaoler, the Spy and Her Lover</i> by Simon Parker – a thrilling account of Charles I’s last years.</li></ul> <p><b>Films:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Devil’s Whore</i> – a gritty depiction of the Civil War.</li><li>• <i>To Kill a King</i> – centres on the relationship between Cromwell and Fairfax</li><li>• <i>Some great documentaries of the Civil War</i>: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLitBWG1mZVZ2MA1omo9Y_MBK8ai-9PNqA">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLitBWG1mZVZ2MA1omo9Y_MBK8ai-9PNqA</a> and <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDvQw9SzoV0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDvQw9SzoV0</a></li></ul>

## History AQA A-level: Structure

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<b>Part 1</b>	<b>Autocracy, Reform &amp; Revolution: Russia, 1855-1917</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trying to preserve autocracy, 1855-94</li> <li>• Collapse of autocracy, 1894-1917</li> </ul>	<b>Origins of the English Civil War, 1625-42</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergence of conflict &amp; end of consensus, 1625-9</li> <li>• Experiment in Absolutism, 1629-40</li> <li>• Crisis of Parliament &amp; outbreak of First Civil War, 1640-42</li> </ul>
<b>Part 2</b>	<b>The Soviet Union, 1917-64</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergence of Communist dictatorship, 1917-41</li> <li>• Stalinist dictatorship &amp; reaction, 1941-64</li> </ul>	<b>Radicalism, Republic &amp; Restoration, 1642-60</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• War &amp; Radicalism, 1642-46</li> <li>• Disintegration of Political Nation, 1646-9</li> <li>• Experiments in government &amp; society, 1648-60</li> </ul>
<b>Exam info</b>	40% of your total A-level <i>1 exam</i>  <b>Questions:</b> Interpretations (x1) – 30 marks Judgement (x2) – 25 marks	40% of your total A-level <i>1 exam</i>  <b>Questions:</b> Valuation/Source (x1) – 30 marks Judgement (x2) – 25 marks

**There is also the Historical Enquiry (4000 word essay) which will be completed at the end of Year 12 into Year 13.  
It can be on any topic, and is 20% of A-level.**

**For each component, you will need to bring in September:**

- A separate lever-arch file: the big one, otherwise you will run out of room! You will be able to leave these in your history classroom, but it will need to come to every lesson.
- File dividers
- A completed bridging project

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