

2N Summer work – Revolution and Dictatorship 1917 – 1953



Main task

You have been provided with an electronic copy of **Chapter 1** from the textbook, *Revolution and dictatorship: Russia 1917-53*. **Carefully read through the chapter and take notes using the format shown to the right.** This method is called Cornell Notes and is used widely in higher education as it helps with the retention of knowledge. Here is a link to a video explaining how to create Cornell Notes in more detail - [How to Use Cornell Notes](#)

This reading task will give you a useful introduction to our topic. In our first lesson in September we will review this work.

<p>CUES</p> <p>WRITTEN SOON AFTER CLASS</p> <p>ANTICIPATED EXAM QUESTIONS</p> <p>MAIN IDEAS OR PEOPLE</p> <p>VOCABULARY WORDS</p> <p>USED FOR REVIEW & STUDY</p>	<p>NAME, DATE, TOPIC, CLASS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTES</p> <p>TAKEN DURING CLASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * MAIN POINTS * BULLET POINTS * DIAGRAMS / CHARTS * ABBREVIATE * PARAPHRASE * OUTLINES * LEAVE SPACE BETWEEN TOPICS <p style="text-align: center;">CORNELL NOTE-TAKING METHOD</p>
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<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>WRITTEN AFTER CLASS. BRIEF SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTING THE MAIN POINTS IN THE NOTES ON THIS PAGE. USED TO FIND INFO LATER.</p>	

Optional extras

Throughout your A-Level studies it is recommended that you go beyond the prescribed content to enhance your subject knowledge. Below are a set of optional tasks **complete at least one of these tasks.**

Read:

1. *The Russian Revolution 100 years on: a view from below (PDF provided)*

Sarah Badcock sheds light on how ordinary Russians responded to the revolutions of 1917 that sought to change their lot and bring them freedom. Read the extract and take notes using the **Cornell method**.

2. *The Historical Association subject guide.*

Use the link below to access the learning guide for our subject. Focus your reading on the **Reform and the end of the Romanovs 1855-1917 section** and take notes using the **Cornell method**.

<https://www.history.org.uk/student/module/8681/a-level-topic-guide-russia-and-the-ussr>

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Watch:

Empire of the Tsars, Romanov Russia. Watch the documentary taking notes using the **Cornell method**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQRyMm5-Jgg>

Listen:

BBC – In Our Time – podcast – Lenin. Listen to the podcast and take notes using the **Cornell method**.

[BBC Radio 4 - In Our Time, Lenin](#)

BBC Sounds - Real Dictators - Joseph Stalin - Listen to the podcast and take notes using the **Cornell method**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0gkcf90>

Other:

Reading and resources list – This is the reading list given by the exam board for our course. We have a wide range of these textbooks at school. You do not need to buy your own book for this course. You may however want your own copy to read ahead. Lots of these books will be available in your local library and can be bought second-hand on Amazon, AbeBooks, etc..

[Reading and resources list - 2N Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917–1953](#)

THE TUDORS: 1485-1603

Summer Reading/Tasks

Task 1: The Wars of the Roses

For most of the 15th century, the English monarchy was unstable. Politics was dominated by the struggle between the rival families of Lancaster and York. In the midst of the battles that were fought on and off since 1455 (popularised as the 'Wars of the Roses' in the 19th century), the status and authority of the monarchy had suffered. In 1485, Henry VII seized the crown at the Battle of Bosworth. In order to assess how successful Henry actually was, you will need to consider the events leading up to 1485.

- a) Read the Lotherington chapter, '*The Wars of the Roses*' (p 1-29)
- b) Answer Structured Questions 1a, 1b, 2a, and 2b. Use the '**Advice – answering structured questions**' **p28** to help. You will need to write a short paragraph to answer each question.

Extension tasks

Try to complete at least one of the extension activities below:

1. Explore the HA Tudors Subject Guide

Work your way through the podcasts and articles - this is a very useful site with contributions from key Tudor historians.

<https://www.history.org.uk/student/categories/16-18>

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2. Watch a documentary or listen to a podcast

Britain's Bloody Crown Episodes 1-4 Dan Jones

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SB_OThWd-eA

Henry VII The Winter King Thomas Penn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBpSRQ6wVPU>

Henry VIII: The Most Iconic King of English History

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wR0ARGxRTAQ>

In Our Time Sixteenth Century

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01hcv9w>

Particularly William Cecil, Mary Queen of Scots, Calvinism, The Book of Common Prayer, Holbein at the Tudor Court, Foxe's Book of Martyrs, St Bartholomew's Massacre, The Spanish Armada, The Dissolution of the Monasteries, The Death of Elizabeth I, The Diet of Worms, The Field of the Cloth of Gold, The Tudor State and Witchcraft

3. Tudor History Free On-line Course <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-tudors>