History - Revision checklist for GCSE Russia and the USSR 1917-41

Topic or Subject	Useful links for more information
☐ 1.1 Russia in early 1917 - all pages ☐ Threats to the tsarist government ☐ Organised opposition ☐ Impacts of the First World War on Russia	BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2prcdm/revision/1 Brief overview - https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/history/world-history/russia-1914-1941/russia-first-world-war/opposition-tsarist-rule Booklet available from another school for you to review - https://www.ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=286&type=pdf GCSE Pods https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/11710/72296
☐ 1.2 The February Revolution - all pages ☐ Triggers for revolt ☐ Short term causes of revolution ☐ Mutiny in the army ☐ Duma Acts and confronts the Tsar ☐ Withdraw support for the Tsar ☐ Role of the revolutionary parties in the February Revolution	BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/ztyk87h/revision/1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z8hk2hv Excellent summary of 1917-21 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cV9G1QUIm7w&t=608s
☐ 1.3 The Provisional Government - page 7 ☐ What is the Provisional Government? ☐ Weaknesses and Failures of PG ☐ Kornilov Revolt	BBC Bite size - scroll down for July Days https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zdq46v4/revision/3

☐ 1.4 The Bolshevik Revolution - all pages ☐ The Bolsheviks and Lenin ☐ April Theses ☐ July Days ☐ Build-up to revolution - roles of Lenin and Trotsky ☐ Seizure of power	BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zyc72hv/revision/1
Russian Revolution Video	
The Bolsheviks in power, 1917-24	
☐ 2.1 Early consolidation of power, 1917-18 ☐ Early decrease of Nov/Dec 1917 ☐ Dealing with political opponents ☐ Absolish Constituent Assembly ☐ Execution of the Romanovs ☐ Treaty of Brest-Litovsk	War Communism and NEP https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oi5tWUSW6kA
Russian Revolution Timeline - remember that the calendar changed.	
☐ 2.2 The Civil War, 1918-21 - all pages ☐ Who fought in the Civil War? ☐ Key events of the Civil War ☐ Bolshevik (Red) Strengths ☐ Weakness of the Whites ☐ Effects of the Civil War	BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zgdthyc/revision/1
☐ 2.3 Moves towards totalitarianism ☐ Bolsheviks and dictatorship ☐ Role of the Cheka ☐ Socialist Fatherland is in danger ☐ Red Terror ☐ Kronstadt Mutiny ☐ Centralising Bolshevik Power ☐ 1924 Constitution	https://historywithmrgreen.com/page2/assets/Totalitarianism.pdf
☐ 2.4 Economic and social change, 1918-24 ☐ War Communism and NEP ☐ Nationalisation and 'State Capitalism' 1917-18 ☐ War Communism, 1918-24 ☐ Crisis 1921 - War Communism to NEP ☐ 10th Party Congress	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oi5tWUSW6kA

☐ Communists and Social Change - Women Education, Culture	
Stalin's rise to power and dictatorship, 1924-41	
☐ 3.1 Struggle for power, 1924-29 ☐ Replacing Lenin: Complications ☐ Rivals for Power - Josef Stalin, Leon Trotsky, Zinoviev and Kamenev, Bukharin	https://www.gcsehistory.com/faq/leadershipstruggle_russia.html
☐ 3.2 The use of terror in the 1930s ☐ Purgers and the use of terror in the Soviet Union ☐ Role of the Secret Police (OGPU > NKVD) ☐ Reasons behind the purges ☐ Man events of the purgers ☐ Labour camp system in the Soviet Union ☐ Show Trials, 1936-38	The First Show Trial https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5R3KVqo6DU
☐ 3.3 Propaganda and censorship ☐ The link between 'terror' and control of information ☐ Socialist Realism ☐ Government control of Education ☐ Government attacks on Religion ☐ Media Censorship ☐ New Soviet Constitution of 1936	https://www.history.com/news/josef-stalin-great-purge-photo-retouching
☐ 3.4 The cult of Stalin ☐ Creating the cult of Stalin ☐ 'Official Stalin' ☐ Graphic Art ☐ Written and spoken word	https://theyorkhistorian.com/2015/09/18/stalins-cult-of-personality-its-origins-and-progression/
Economic and social changes 1924-41	
☐ **4.1 Agriculture and collectivisation** ☐ **Reasons for changing agriculture** ☐ **Problems of NEP** ☐ **Organisation of collective farms** ☐ **Liquidation of the kulaks** ☐ **Opposition to collectivisation** ☐ **Modernise Farming (Tractors)** ☐ **The Holodomor**	https://www.gcsehistory.com/faq/collectivisation.html
Collectivisation and Five Year Plans YouTube	

☐ 4.2 Changes in industry ☐ Problems of NEP ☐ Encouraging worker enthusiasm ☐ Quantity over quality ☐ Competition with the West ☐ Gosplan ☐ Five Year Plans ☐ Stakhanovite Movement ☐ Successes and Failures	5 Year Plans and Collectivisation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ns8yqdUH9ZE
☐ 4.3 Life in the Soviet Union in the 1930s ☐ Living and Working conditions for workers ☐ Living and working conditions for farmers ☐ Living conditions for party officials and members of government ☐ Inequalities between men and women	People's Century 'Red Flag'. A superb 50 minute summary of the whole Russia/USSR unit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wigg4MThu5s Summary of the Stalinist era https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQ8p_MAkDq4&t=27s

Additional Material

MME Revise History papers to practise

Seneca - ensure you sign in with your school gmail account.
Class code is 6q5z9ddfib

Paper 3 prep - This does say for Weimar Germany, but the paper structure is the same as this topic. Have a look at all pages.

Overview video of the Rise of Stalin - does contain images of victims from the terror.

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