

History Bridging Work

Section A: The causes of the Russian Revolution February 1917

Tasks

1. **Research the causes of the Revolution**
 - <https://www.britannica.com/event/Russian-Revolution-of-1917>
 - <http://www.johndclare.net/Russ3.htm>
 - <https://spartacus-educational.com/RUSmarchR.htm>
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXHybEb4b_o
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utr3otFlqp8>
2. **Create a fact file of the different reasons (try to find 4-5 different ones e.g. war, failure of the Tsar, loss of army, Duma)**
 - No more than 2 sides
 - Can be typed or handwritten
 - Must be own words
 - Note format i.e. spider diagrams/mind map/bullet points etc

Section B: You are going to read an article on the origins of the Cold War

Task

1. **Read the article by Phillips on the 'Origins of the Cold War'**
2. **Summarise the main argument of the article into 300 words**

Section C: What was the GDR?

Task

1. Contextual Reading & Timeline Task

- Create a timeline (1945–1961) showing key events that led to the formation of the GDR.
 - BBC Bitesize: Cold War and Germany
 - YouTube: CrashCourse – Cold War episodes
- **Extension:** Add West Germany events to compare developments.

2. Key Concepts Glossary

Define and explain the following terms:

- Cold War

- Iron Curtain
- Berlin Blockade
- Stasi
- Propaganda
- SED

Wider reading:

Russia 1917-1991

- <http://alphahistory.com/coldwar/communist-russia/> - how Russia was governed.
- Orlando Figes: (Top Russian historian) <http://www.revolutionaryrussia.com/>
- British Library website: <https://www.bl.uk/russian-revolution>
- Historical Association Podcasted history of Russia and the USSR (2010)
Username: 12723 Password: trinity123:
www.history.org.uk/resources/secondary_resource_4209_124.html
- 'Meet the Historians' podcasts: www.andallthat.co.uk/meetthehistorians.html
(Episode 1: Professor Bill Taubman on Khrushchev and Episode 3: Dr Martin McCauley on the rise and fall of the Soviet Union.)
- Question and answer session with Dr Martin McCauley:
www.andallthat.co.uk/11/category/breakup-of-ussr/1.html

GDR

- <http://alphahistory.com/coldwar/post-war-germany/> - how East Germany was formed.
- http://resource.download.wjec.co.uk.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/vtc/2017-18/17-18_2-25/PDF/eduqas-revised-germany-5.pdf - a good summary chapter from a textbook.
- BBC History website - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/coldwar/> - Series of articles on the Cold War.
- The National Archives Website - <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/coldwar/> - a specialist section on the Cold War
- *Beyond the Wall* by Katja Hoyer