

Summer Transition Work: The French Revolution (1774-1815)

Task 1 - Create a Timeline

Research and produce a timeline of the following events:

- Accession of Louis XVI (1774)
- American War of Independence and French involvement
- Meeting of the Estates-General (1789)
- Tennis Court Oath

- Storming of the Bastille
- Declaration of the Rights of Man
- Execution of Louis XVI

For each event, write:

- What happened?
- Why did it happen?
- Why was it important?

Task 2 - Key Individuals

Create one-page profiles on one of the following:

- Louis XVI
- Marie Antoinette
- Maximilien Robespierre
- Georges Danton
- Napoleon Bonaparte

Include:

- Background
- Political beliefs
- Achievements
- Failures

Task 3: Documentary Viewing

Watch at least one documentary on:

- The French Revolution
- Napoleon

History A Level - Background Research

Recommended Textbooks

If you can afford to - buy the following - you can get cheaper second hand copies or copies on Kindle.

•[OCR A Level History: Britain 1930-1997: Amazon.co.uk: Wells, Mike, Fellows, Nicholas: 9781471837296: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/9781471837296)

•[OCR A Level History: The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon 1774-1815: Amazon.co.uk: Wells, Mike: 9781510416505: Books.](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/9781510416505)

[Access to History: Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964 for OCR, Third Edition: Amazon.co.uk: Holland, Andrew: 9781510459779: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/9781510459779)

Books

Napoleon: A Life from beginning to end (One Hour History: Military Generals Book 1)

by Henry Freeman

24 Hours at Waterloo by Robert Kershaw

The French Revolution: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions)

Doyle, William

Personalities & Powers: Winston Churchill - Statesman or Opportunist? - Peter Neville

A History of Modern Britain - Andrew Marr (there are two books look for the one from 1945 - 1997)

Revolutionary Russia, 1891-1991: A Pelican Introduction Paperback - Orlando Figes

Book - more difficult - but very good!

Napoleon and His Marshals - A G Macdonell (a bit old fashioned and tricky this one but very good if you can get used to the style)

Young Stalin - Simon Sebag Montefiore

Stalin: The Court of the Red Tsar - Simon Sebag Montefiore

The Romanovs - Box Set: Peter the Great, Catherine the Great, Nicholas and Alexandra: - Robert K. Massie

A People's Tragedy: The Russian Revolution 1891 - 1924 - Orlando Figes

Documentaries

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pXxoyk5wOo&t=2s> - French Revolution

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrbiSUgZEbg&t=2425s> - Napoleon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIzApqzIP3Q> - Stalin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYo8SEvnsrM&list=PL3H6z037pboFwKREwWrf4ELNDdITLyhAN> - BBC Russian Revolution, Civil War and the Fall of the Tsar

Films

- **Enemy at the Gates** - about the battle of Stalingrad
- **Waterloo** - film from 1970 about the battle- it is on youtube
- **The Iron Lady** - a film about Thatcher
- **Brassed Off/The Full Monty** - two films partly about the miner's strike 1980s Britain
- **Darkest Hour** - a film about Britain in 1940, particularly about Churchill rallying the country behind the war and the problems he faced - very good for our course.
- **The Gathering Storm, 2002**, Churchill and tensions over rearmament in the 1930s
- **Churchill** - from 2017, about tensions over D-day - better than that sounds!