

Getting Ready For

HISTORY

Your Name

A LEVEL HISTORY

Russia 1851 -
1964


Summer 2025

Instructions: We are delighted you have chosen to study **History** at Worthing College. This pack will help you make the best possible start to studying this subject. The tasks in this pack should take you **about 4 hours to complete**. You will need to hand the work into your teacher when teaching starts. Make sure you keep the work safe until then, and ensure any work you hand in has your name on it. You will get feedback from your teachers on what you have done well and the challenges you will need to meet to achieve the highest possible grade. This will form part of an initial assessment of your progress your teacher will make in the first 2 weeks of the course. All of the materials you need to complete the tasks are in this pack or available on the internet – follow the links in the document.

If you need help: The tasks are designed to get a bit more difficult as you work through them as they are preparing you for studying at a higher level and to become an effective independent learner. You should try to get as far as you can working on your own but if you do need help, please email us at gettingreadyfor@worthing.ac.uk, telling us which Getting Ready For pack you are working on and what help you need. Help is available throughout the summer holidays.

The state of Russia in the mid-Nineteenth Century

	Type of task	Task	Deadline
	Research	<p>The Russia course begins by looking at the state Russia was in by 1851. The following tasks are designed to give you an introduction to the course.</p> <p>Autocracy & the Tsars</p> <p>Research the following – write full answers for each task</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is an autocracy? 2. Can you give examples of autocracy that exist today? 3. Who were the Romanov family? 4. How was the Russian Orthodox Church linked to the Romanov family? 5. What was the Russian nobility & their role in autocracy? 6. Explain how the Romanov's ruled Russia 	First lesson in September
	Research	<p>The Russian Empire</p> <p>Research the following – write full answers for each task</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How large was the Russian Empire by 1851? 2. Name some of the non-Russian countries and nationalities that made up the Russian Empire 3. Name some Russian cities 4. Where did most Russians live? 5. What potential problems do you see with the Russian Empire? 	

	<p>Text comprehension</p>	<p>Serfdom</p> <p>Click on the QR code or the link & read the article - then answer the questions below</p> <p>http://www.historytoday.com/michael-lynch/emancipation-russian-serfs-1861-charter-freedom-or-act-betrayal</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was a serf? 2. How was serfdom a problem for Russia by the nineteenth century and holding back progress? 3. How did the Crimean War act as a catalyst for the emancipation of the serfs? 4. Although the serfs were now free peasants they gained few real benefits. What were the downsides of emancipation for the peasants? 	
	<p>Research</p>	<p>The Tsars Alexander II, Alexander III & Nicholas II</p> <p>Research the three Tsars - present your research using a series of mind maps that explain the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Character of Tsar - Main events during their reign - Strengths & weaknesses of each Tsar & their reign 	
	<p>Textbook</p>	<p>Purchase the following textbooks – click on the links for details</p> <p>Oxford AQA History for A Level: Tsarist and Communist Russia 1855-1964 Student Book Second Edition: Amazon.co.uk: Waller, Sally: 9781382061384: Books</p>	



https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-AQA-History-Level-1951-2007/dp/0198354649/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=aqa+britain+a+level+textbook&qid=1593674661&sr=8-1



There are also limited copies in the college library that can be borrowed.

Work Placement Week

All students are required to participate in a **compulsory** week-long work placement. It is recommended that the placement chosen is either relevant to your course, or relevant to what your future career aspirations are.

Work placement form submission deadline

All L2 and L3 students studying on triple or double courses will be given their work placement week dates by their course leaders when they start in September. The deadline to submit your placement forms are as follows:	Date of work placement week	Deadline for returning completed form	All students studying 2 or more single subjects will have the option of either carrying out their work placement during: • February half term • Easter holidays • May half term • 22nd – 26th June 2026 The deadline to submit your placement forms are as follows:	Date of work placement week	Deadline for returning completed form
	December 2025	24th October 2025		February half term (16th - 20th Feb)	Friday 24th October 2025
	January / February 2026	24th October 2025		Easter holidays (27th March - 13th April)	Friday 19th December 2025
	March / April 2026	19th December 2025		May half term (26th - 29th May)	Friday 13th February 2026
	May / June 2026	13th February 2026		22nd – 26th June	Friday 1st May 2026