

# Get ready for History

## About the subject

The first unit you will study, is the end of Imperial Russia, examining the rule of the last Tsar, Nicholas II. We will investigate the reasons for Nicholas' fall, the onset of revolution in 1917 (twice!), and the subsequent communist state established by the Bolsheviks. This unit covers 1894-1924.

You will also have chance to study the period 1625-1701 of British History, finding out about Charles I, his execution, the Civil Wars, Cromwell and the republic, and the restoration of the monarchy. This unit is jam-packed with kings, plots, assassinations, plagues, wars and witchcraft!

The final unit to be studied is Germany, 1870-1990, looking at the initial unification of Germany, the impact of WWI, the rise of Hitler and the Nazis, the post-WWII Germany and its split into two separate states, and the reunification process that finally culminated in 1990.

You also undertake an independent coursework study, with a choice of either examining Germany's responsibility for WWI, or the extent to which the Holocaust was a long-term plan.

## Your tasks

### History A Level task

[<https://www.barnsleysixthformcollege.co.uk/app/uploads/2020/04/Y12-enrollment-task-HISTORY.docx>]

As you will begin with the Russia unit, your task is to read through the material provided, and answer the questions at the end. The reading covers the introductory information you need in order to understand the situation Nicholas II inherits when he comes to the Russian throne in 1894.

Email addresses for staff are included should you have any questions.

## Essential reading

Michael Lynch, Reaction and Revolution: Russia, 1894-1924  
SA Smith, The Russian Revolution: A Very Short Introduction

## Useful websites and other resources

<http://www.orlandofiges.com/> [<http://www.orlandofiges.com/>]

<https://www.bl.uk/russian-revolution/articles/timeline-of-the-russian-revolution>  
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<https://www.history.com/topics/russia/russian-revolution>  
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