



Fundamentals –History Paper 1 Communist Russia 1917-1964

Knowledge	Skills
NEW LEADERS AND IDEOLOGIES Lenin's Russia: ideology and change- end to the war, one party government, preservation of the Soviet state. Stalin's rise: ideology and change- the power struggle.	To assess the extent of change and continuity across a minimum 25 year period.
THE COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIPS The consolidation of Bolshevik authority: political developments 1917-24 including the 1918 Constitution, the Russian Civil War, and the 1922 Constitution The development of the Stalinist dictatorship, including the political structure, the 1936 Constitution and the cult of personality.	To analyse the impact of events or actions on Russia and the political structure.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS The economy under Lenin: War Communism and the New Economic Policy The economy under Stalin: The Five Year Plans and Collectivisation	To provide substantiated judgements in response to the assessment of a statement.
LENINIST/STALINIST SOCIETY Class issues: the proletariat and Stakhanovite movement The effect of social change on women Young people Religion National minorities Propaganda Cultural change	To demonstrate an understanding of counter arguments in a 25 mark essay question to provide a balanced view.
COMMUNIST CONTROL AND TERROR Faction and opposition in the 1920s, the Red Terror Opposition to Stalin and the purges, opposition up to 1932, the crisis of 1932, the Kirov Affair, Great Purges and the Yezhovshchina	To analyse a range of source material, both primary and historical interpretations.
THE SOVIET UNION BY 1941 The political condition of the Soviet Union Economic and social position The Soviet Union by 1941	To apply specific, accurate and relevant own knowledge to the three interpretations given in source material in order to explain whether the interpretation is convincing or not.
STALINISM IN WARTIME Russia at war: political authority and opposition, those who welcomed German 'liberation'.	To assess the short and long term causes of key events within Russia.

The political, economic and social impact of the war
The effect of war on Stalin, the government and the people.

To be able debate a range of arguments and interpretations.

POLITICAL AUTHORITY 1945-1953

Political authority and government to 1953-High Stalinism (political and cultural)
The revival of terror and the destruction of 'supposed opposition'
– the different plots of 1940s and 1950s
Stalin's cult of personality after 1945
The power vacuum on Stalin's death

To analyse and examine the development of a key theme across a minimum 25 year period.

KHRUSHCHEV AND REACTION TO STALINISM 1953-64

Khrushchev's rise to power
Policies and ideology, de-Stalinisation
Political and Party change

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Industrial development: Five Year Plans
Results of industrial change
Developments in agriculture: Virgin Lands Scheme
Social developments
The quality of life and cultural change

OPPOSITION AND THE FALL OF KHRUSHCHEV

Opposition from cultural dissidents
Opposition from within the Party-hardliners and reformers
Khrushchev's fall from power and replacement by Brezhnev

THE SOVIET UNION BY 1964

The political condition of the Soviet Union
The economic condition of the Soviet Union
The social condition of the Soviet Union.