

GCSE History Course Description

Year 10

Depth study: Germany 1918 – 1939

In just twenty years, the German people experienced amazing and unforeseen change. Germany emerged in the 20s as one of the most modern democracies in the world. But by the 30s, she was in the grip of Nazi dictatorship. We examine the reasons behind these changes, the appeal of the Adolf Hitler and the Nazis and what life was like for ordinary Germans in this period. Who resisted Hitler? Why were German Jews and other minorities persecuted?

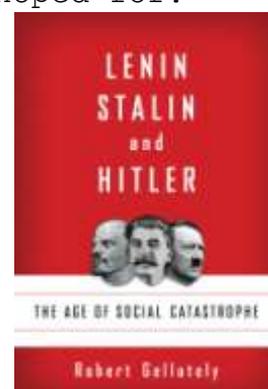


***Auschwitz
concentration
camp today***

Controlled assessment: the role of the individual in history

Can one person shape world history? Why do we remember people in different ways? We will examine these issues in the context of **Lenin and the Communist Revolution.**

In 1917, the 300 year old dynasty of the Russian royal family was swept aside by popular revolution and the actions of Lenin and the Communists. Why did Lenin succeed and how did he establish communism while the rest of the capitalist world looked on. Was this the happy, classless society that ordinary Russians hoped for?



Year 11

International relations: the Cold War 1945-1975

After the Second World War, two superpowers emerged in the world: the USA and Soviet Russia. How did they end up in a 'cold war' for the next thirty years? Who was to blame? How did this rivalry lead to a crisis in Cuba? Why did the USA get involved in Vietnam?



The Berlin blockade

Source work investigation: Britain 1939-75

This part of the course develops advanced skills of handling sources and the problems of evidence. We study three aspects: Britain as a multicultural society, the changing role of women and the changing experiences of children and teenagers.



Notting Hill Carnival

