

Year 12 Independent Study Framework for History

In your independent study periods you will be expected to complete some supplementary work in addition to your usual daily homework tasks. The work set for completion in your independent study time is intended to consolidate your understanding of the content covered during lesson time.

Instructions:

Each half term you will be expected to produce a revision pack for both of your Year 12 units. You will be expected to hand in your completed pack during the last week of term to be marked and assessed.

Tasks to be completed and included in your revision pack:

- A glossary of the key terminology covered
- An essay with a detailed essay plan
- Wider reading and a summary of your findings
- A topic review of the units studied
- Reflection on a previous essay or a model answer

At the beginning of each half term you will be issued with the following:

- An essay question for each unit
- A selection of additional reading materials
- A model answer or essay to be reviewed

You should then work on your revision packs during your independent study periods throughout the half term. Your final pack must include all of the tasks above.

Useful Questions:

What is a topic review?

In the topic review you should include a summary of your learning from the previous half term. It could be set out in a number of different formats e.g. a revision spider diagram, a summary table, cue cards etc.

How do you reflect on a previous essay or model answer?

You will be expected to annotate your essay or model answer using a red pen. You will need to either identify areas for improvement and changes that need to be made or highlight where the essay has met the success criteria of the mark scheme.

How should you set out an essay plan?

Your teachers will provide you with a template of an essay plan at the start of the year. You should refer to this template when setting out your essay plan.

Year 12 Independent Study Framework: Unit 1 (Russia)

Term	Essay Question	Wider Reading	Topics to be reviewed	Essay/ model answer to review
1	How accurate is it to say that the nature of government under Lenin and Stalin was markedly different?	Core textbook- pages 10-35 Hodder textbook- pages 4-37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing Communist Party control • Nature of Lenin’s government • Creation of the one-party state and Party Congress of 1921 • Growing power of the Communist government under Stalin • Stalin’s elimination of opponents and purges • Stalin’s power over Party and State • Khrushchev’s attempts to reform the government and de-Stalinisation • Stability under Brezhnev • Reluctance of Brezhnev, Andropov and Chernenko to make changes • Growing political stagnation 	<p>Read the Level 2 response to the essay question.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annotate it indicating what you would do to improve the essay 2. Use what you have done alongside your reading to produce an essay plan to the question 3. Write your essay to the given question
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Year 12 Independent Study Framework: Unit 2 (China)

Term	Essay Question	Wider Reading	Topics to be reviewed	Essay/ model answer to review
1	“The biggest challenges facing the CCP when they came to power in 1949 were economic” How far do you agree with this statement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extract from Frank Dikotter ‘The Tragedy of Liberation: A History of the Chinese Revolution 1945-1957 • J Spence, The Search for Modern China. Chapter 19 ‘The Birth of the People’s Republic of China’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems facing China in 1949 • Democratic centralism • Organisation of government • The Reunification campaign • The Great Terror • The Laogai system and the role of the PLA 	<p>During week 3 you will be completing the following essay: ‘How accurate is it to say that the political system put in place by the Communists after 1949 was more authoritarian than democratic?’</p> <p>You need to make improvements using a red pen when it has been returned to you with feedback.</p>
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