



## Course Content

The term will begin with the unit 'Who was to blame for the Cold War?'. Areas covered will be 'Why did the USA-USSR alliance begin to break down in 1945?'; 'How had the USSR gained control of Eastern Europe by 1948?'; 'How did the USA react to Soviet expansionism?'; 'What were the consequences of the Berlin Blockade?'; and 'Who was more to blame for starting the Cold War: the USA or the USSR?'. During this unit students will get to understand the intricacies and complexities of this period of history which saw two superpowers emerge from the ashes of WWII with completely different ideologies on how war torn Europe should be governed. Students will also create a PowerPoint Project regarding who they feel was responsible for the Cold War. After that unit is complete, we will begin our depth study which will look at Russia, 1905 to 1941. The depth study will begin with a preview of the unit then a look at 'How well did the Tsarist regime deal with the difficulties of ruling Russia up to 1914?'. During the term there will be lots of IGCSE exam practice and we will finish with an end of year exam which will be IGCSE style questions regarding what the students have learnt this academic year.

## Resources

1. 20<sup>th</sup> Century History for Cambridge IGCSE (Oxford) pp. 65-88 & 222-30
2. IGCSE Twentieth Century History International Relations since 1919 (Cambridge) pp. 90-125
3. Schoolhistoryuk.co.uk
4. Past IGCSE exam papers
5. Teacher made resources

## Assessment

- Notebook: 10%
- Classwork: 20%
- Quizzes on sections of units covered: 10%
- IGCSE Past Paper Questions: 30%
- Project (Who was to Blame for the Cold War ?): 30%