

GCSE History at Abingdon



Congratulations on choosing such a super subject to study as part of your GCSEs. The first two modules that you will complete are; Russia 1905-1924 & Germany 1918-1945. Hopefully you will find the ideas and links below them interesting and enjoyable. They will give you a good foundation to build on.

Great Documentaries

Abingdon School has a subscription to Clickview, a digital video platform, that you can access via Firefly. All of these documentaries can be found there. Here is a link to the ClickView platform. Simply use the search bar to find these documentaries.

<https://online.clickview.co.uk/>

- ❖ Lucy Worsley's "Road to revolution" is a great starting point to learn the context of the Russian Revolution.
- ❖ The Russian Revolution in Colour is really good for looking at Lenin and the revolution itself.
- ❖ The Nazis: A warning from History is an excellent 6 part series which looks at the rise of Hitler.



Great Books

There are a huge number of books written on both of these modules, listing them would be impossible. Here is a link to 5 great ones for Russia. "The Romanovs" is good but is quite a heavy read, "The last of the Tsars" is perhaps a little easier to get into. <https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/history/russian-revolution-books-history-lenin-tsars>

Here is a list of the guardians top 10 picks for Nazi Germany.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2003/nov/17/top10s.hitler.thirdreich>

Great Films



Hollywood films are not always the most accurate but they can definitely be good introductions to a time period.

Hitler: The rise of evil is an excellent film and is on youtube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMVy8_98I-o & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrLK3iY4xb8>

If you wanted a blast from the past then the 1971 film, Nicholas and Alexandra is a good option for Russia.

Useful Links

A great starting place is the Abingdon History Firefly page. Below are links to the Russia section and the Germany Section.

- ❖ <https://abingdon.fireflycloud.net/history/fourth-year-igcse-history/russia-c1905-1924>
- ❖ <https://abingdon.fireflycloud.net/history/fourth-year-igcse-history/germany-1918-45---how-and-why-was-democracy-replaced-by-a-dictatorship>