

PPE Revision Timetable 2026 History A Level- Exam Board OCR

Please follow the advice on revision and do not leave it too late!

Exams:

Paper 1: Lancastrians and Yorkists- Wars of the Roses

Paper 2: Russia 1894-1941

N.B. Due to the earlier scheduling of PPEs this year you will not be doing a Tudor Rebs paper for your December PPE This will be completed in class before Easter.

Mr Green is running a Russia catch up session after school every week on TUESDAYS beginning 13th October.

Week Commencing	Content to Cover	Suggested Tasks	Completed /Confident?
5/10	Paper 1 Wars of the Roses Opposition to the government 1445-1450 Richard of York Why did fighting break out in 1455?	Make a detailed spider diagram showing all the reason there was opposition to Henry VI and his government. Make lists of the causes, events and consequences of Cades Rebellion Read the study skills section p. 29 Make notes on RoY and Somerset- when did hostility start? 1452 coup York's first Protectorate- why did he become Protector and how successful was he? Make a list of reasons why fighting broke out in 1455 Read study skills section p. 51	
12/10	Why was there peace 1455-1459 Why did peace break down in 1459? Battles 1459-1461 Paper 1 WOR How and why did Edward become king in 1461?	Make a list of reasons explaining the 4 years of peace Explain why peace broke down 1459 Learn all the battles. Make a timeline showing when they happened, who won and why and consequences. ----- ----- Make a spider showing long and short term reasons Read study skills p. 74 Practice source questions from text book.	
19/10	Paper 1 WOR Edward's first rule Paper 2 RUSSIA	Use your notes and textbook to draw up 2 columns showing success and failures in all key areas of his rule. Make sure you have specific examples of people, dates, places etc Think of essay questions and do plans Review Russia notes- are they detailed enough? Can you improve them/ add to them? These will help you later. ----- -----	
26/10	PAPER 1- WOR How and why did Edward lose the throne in 1470? How and why did he regain it in 1471? Edward's second rule	Make a timeline showing events leading to Edward losing the throne. Make a list of reasons why Warwick rebelled Consider how far this was due to Warwick, or Edward's own mistakes Make a timeline showing how Edward regained the throne Read essay guidance p. 102 Do some plans Use your notes and textbook to draw up 2 columns showing success and failures in all key areas of his rule. Make sure you have specific examples of people, dates, places etc Essay questions and plans	

2/11	Paper 1 WOR Richard III Henry VII Domestic Policies/ Rule in England Henry VII Foreign Policy and Review Paper 2 RUSSIA	Draw a timeline showing how Richard became king. Consider his motives behind his actions Draw up 2 columns which assess the success and failure of his rule- give specific examples Draw up a spider showing how and why he lost the throne Essay questions and plans Use 4 different tables to show success and failure in a) Yorkist opposition b) nobility c) central and local government d) finance Read essay guidance on p. 149 and the debate on p. 146 Essay questions and plans Make notes on aims. Learn all his treaties Make tables showing success and failure in dealing with European powers Consider essay questions and do plans Read the debate on p. 167 and skills guidance on p. 169 Re- revise everything. Read all the sources in chapters 1-3 and ensure you understand them. Make flashcards of key people/ key words for Russia and complete revision quizzes on quizzz. Plan out answer to the following: -To what extent did the provisional government's mistakes and problems cause the Oct/ Nov Revolution 1917? (20) -Which of the following was the most important cause of the NEP? -Famine in the countryside (link to violence, opposition and risings e.g. Tambov) -The Kronstadt Rising	
9/11	Wars of the Roses RUSSIA	----- ----- Make yourself a whole timeline of the entire period with all key events on to ensure you understand the chronology. Essay questions and plans Make a big timeline of all key events/ developments in Russia from 1894-1941 include government changes on it and key events e.g. Kronstadt rising, Tambov Rising, Bloody Sunday, R-J war, Yezhovschina, creation of NKVD, The Vyborg Manifesto etc- do NOT include details about each event- this is just to help you understand the story of Russia- Key individuals and Key words for Russia- test yourself how many do you remember? Do you know your Milyukov from your Guchcov? Zinoviev from Bukharin? Mir from Zemstvo etc Do you know the CAUSES/ CONSEQUENCES of all of the following? For EACH CAUSE you should know x3 arguments about it e.g. reason why it led to the event or reason for impact AND 3 precise pieces of evidence to support claim about causes. Can you link them together? -Russo Japanese War, 1905 Revolution (Oct Manifesto), Stability/ Instability 1906-1914, Growing Opposition to Nich, Feb/ March Revolution, Challenges of the Provisional Govt, Oct/Nov Revolution, Civil War, NEP, Ideological splits in the Bolsheviks, Lenin's Successes/ Failures, Stalin's success in power struggle, Stalin's Economic Policies, The Cultural Revolution, The Great Terror, Stalin's maintenance of control, Improvements to Living Standards.	

16/11	Wars of the Roses exam and Russia exams in less than 2 weeks.	Go through topic check list for WOR and identify any areas of weakness- target those for revision and go back to the tasks for WOR on this timeline and redo them/ add further detail and notes. Make sure you read up/ watch the revision powerpoints and learn the facts however you best retain the info. Make sure you know and understand Causes, Consequences, Successes and Failures and have evidence to support. Do you know all key terms/ key people? Treaties made etc.	
23/11	WOR Paper 2 Russia (2 weeks to go) Revolutions 1905, Feb/ March and Oct/ Nov How stable was Russia before 1914?	Look at ALL past paper questions, can you answer them? Have you practiced writing about provenance of primary sources? Do you know the CONTEXT surrounding when the source was produced and the likely impact this would have? Consider Audience and purpose of evidence in your evaluation Can you name 5 successes and failures of EACH reign of EACH monarch (make sure you know Edward's second reign and distinctions from the first) ----- ----- Make spider diagrams on all 3 revolutions and then test yourself by using the which revolution match up task. It is vital you do not mix these up. Make essay plans on causes. Do you know why Dual Power was a cause of Oct/ Nov? Why the assassination of Plehve made 1905 more likely? The role women played in Feb Rev? The Role of Trotsky in influencing and organising the Oct/ Nov rev? You need to know these revolutions in a lot of depth. How stable was Russia before WWI? Make a spider diagram of Political, Economic and Social Stability in Russia between 1905-1914. Use two diff. colours for evidence of stability/ instability. Make sure you include successes and failures of Witte and Stolypin and Nicholas' mistakes.	
30/11	WOR Russia Lenin's problems and solutions- the origins of the Civil War and why the Reds won Uprisings against Bolshevik rule and the NEP/ Impact How successful was Lenin as a leader? The Leadership contest and Stalin's defeat of his opponents	Wars of the Roses is this Friday 9th June pm- make sure you are ready- look over any flashcards you have and test yourself, review essay plans and make sure they are detailed. Don't mix up your nobles! As soon as the exam is done it is vital you start Russia again as you only have a few days. Good luck with WOR exam- you can do it! If Henry Tudor can nab the crown of England we can smash this exam! ----- ----- Make a table of Lenin's problems, how he solved them and a success rating for each. Why did the Reds win the Civil War? Make sure you know the factors and can give 3 pieces of evidence for each one. Make a spider diagram of reasons why the NEP was introduced (this can be an essay question). Make a table of successes and failures of the NEP- make sure you link to factions in the party and ideological differences including the decree on party unity. Do you know the differences between Left and Right Bolsheviks? Who was on each side and what issues were they divided on? Why? Make a table of Lenin's successes and failures as leader of the Bolsheviks- consider his legacy and opposition as well as what happened to the party after he died. Review model answer of this essay- make notes on all the factors around how Stalin, a rank outsider managed to take control of Bolshevik party by 1929 against Lenin's wishes.	
7/12	Stalin's Russia (there is a lot to cover here in a day!)	-Stalin's aims and economic policies- you must know policies introduced and impact and evaluate successes and failures (consider against his aims as well as for USSR as a whole). -Stalin's use of propaganda, the cultural revolution and stages of developing a cult of personality in USSR.	

		-Use of Terror- great purge, purges of party, intelligentsia, bourgeoisie/ NEP men, army, kulaks etc. -Living standards in USSR- how far did they improve under Stalin? Make debate table with at least 3 arguments on both sides and specific evidence. BEFORE YOUR EXAM- LOOK BACK at your PAST exams/ feedback and avoid any mistakes you've made before- also read as many model answers as you can to help you understand the technique/ key issues. Good Luck with your exam Comrade! If Trotsky can travel 105,000km in his train during the civil war we can smash the Russia exam! TIMING IS EVERYTHING- leave yourself 20 mins for the short essay. You need it!	
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