

SJBC History A-Level Summer Transition Booklet

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Why do transition work?

Preparation is crucial to studying A- Levels as they require you to be an independent learner. Although you will be studying fewer subjects, A-Levels require different study skills as the volume of work is greater due to the increased demand for depth and detail.

The exercises in this booklet will ensure you are ready for A-Level History in September.

Is this work assessed?

Yes. In September, your History teacher will ask you for your transition work and it will be assessed to check that you are suitable for the course. You must therefore ensure that you complete all the tasks in this booklet to the absolute best of your abilities.

You must bring all the work with you for your first Year 12 History lesson in September.

Paper 1 Russia: 1917-91

Task 1: Complete the table below summarizing the main features of communism and capitalism. You must include **political, economic** and **social** features of the two ideologies.

Capitalism	Communism

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Task 2: Read the introduction on Russia from the following website link:
<https://alphahistory.com/russianrevolution/>

In your own words explain what a revolution is and what causes revolutions to happen.

Task 3: Read the information on why the Bolsheviks were able to seize power in October 1917 using the following website link:

<https://alphahistory.com/russianrevolution/october-revolution/>

Then answer the following A-level style question:

To what extent was Lenin's leadership the main reason for the Bolshevik's success in the October 1917 Revolution? (20 marks).

Structure: Introduction, 3 main paragraphs, conclusion.

Paper 2: Mao's China 1949-1976

Paper 2 will focus on Mao's China from four thematic topics.

Topic 1: Establishing Communist rule 1949-1976

Topic 2: Agriculture and Industry 1949-1976

Topic 3: The Cultural Revolution and its aftermath 1966-1976.

Topic 4: Social and cultural changes 1949-1976

Task 1: Using the internet, research these key groups and people involved in Mao's China

	Who are they and what did they do?
Chinese Communist Party	

Mao Zedong	
People's Liberation Army	
Central People's Government	

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Task 2: From the information that you have gathered, create a diagram of what you think the political structure of China is. Draw a diagram and write a brief sentence explaining why you have placed them there.

Here is a head start:

Mao (is at the top of the government)

Task 3: Answer the following A-level style question:

Paper 3: British Warfare



Task One: Research activities

research the following events/topics and make a one-page summary for each.

Horatio Nelson

Arthur Wesley Duke of Wellington

Battle of Waterloo

Battle of Balaklava (with Charge of the Light Brigade)

Florence Nightingale

Zulu War

First Boer War

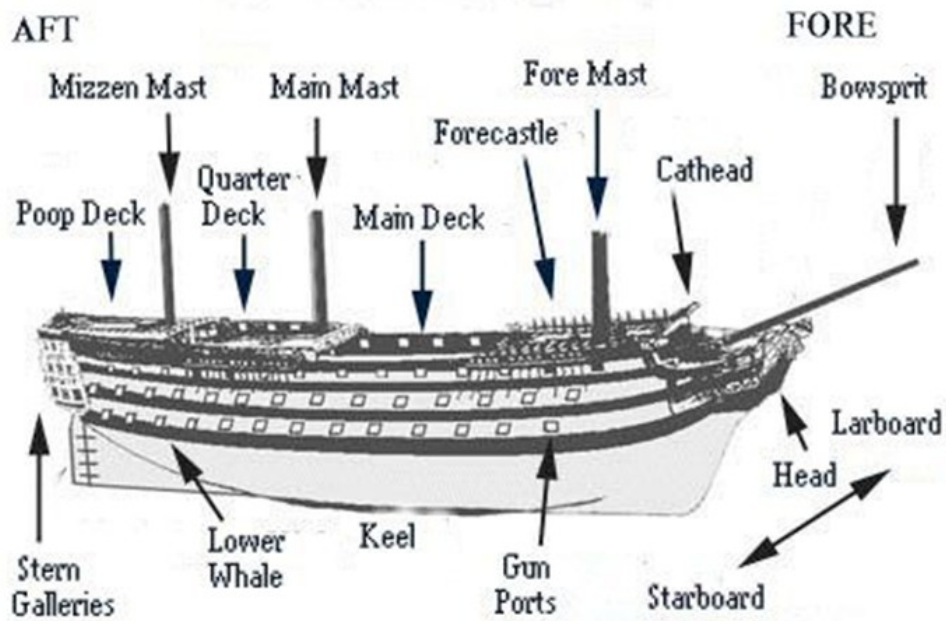
Task Two:

Both the royal navy and army have a lot of technical terms and individual systems. It would be useful to know what they are before the course. Write a definition for the key terms, annotate the diagram and complete the table.

Royal Navy key terms

Line of battle	
Broadside	
Ship of the Line	
Cutting the line	

Annotate the diagram with a detail on what each part is or what it is used for.



Typical Three Decker Layout

Type	rate	Use/ duties	Number of guns	Men	Image
Ship of the line	1 st	Fleet actions and major battles			
Ship of the line	2 nd				
Ship of the line	3 rd				
'cuiser'	4 th				
Frigate	5 th				
Small frigate	6 th				
Sloops/ brigs	Unrated				

Key watching:

Master and Commander: Far side of the world

Hornblower series (YouTube)

The terror

(these are all books as well which are highly recommended)

What were the key challenges the Navy faced? Answer in no less than 200 words. You could refer to health, battles, discipline, mutiny

Army Key terms

Research and define the key terms:

Battery	
Regiment	
Battalion	
Company	

what key Issues did the army face from the 1790's? you could refer to disease, discipline and terrible officers

