









 <p>The John Roan School Sixth Form The best in everyone™ Part of United Learning</p> <p>Year 11 Bridging Work for History A Level</p> <p>The Crisis of Communism: The USSR and the Soviet Empire 1953-2000</p>	 <p>Complete Soviet Union, 1922-1953 Complete a detailed and informative timeline of the Soviet Union from 1922-1953. Information you could include: profiles of the leaders of the USSR, political, economic and industrial developments (e.g. the Great Purge, the Holodomor), key dates (political appointments, deaths etc.). Extension- extend your timeline to 1991. You may wish to start with Wikipedia. <i>Time: 3 hours</i></p>	 <p>Read Nuclear Fallout In 1945, the USSR was an ally of the west in the fight against Nazi Germany. But a mere 17 years later the two sides stood poised to obliterate each other in a nuclear apocalypse. David Reynolds describes how a relationship turned ugly. Link: History Extra Time: 15 minutes</p>	 <p>Listen The Berlin Blockade In 1948 Stalin blockaded Berlin, a city divided into East (under Soviet control) and West (under British/American/French control). Would Britain and America do anything to help the Berliners, or would they give up West Berlin to the Soviets? Bridget Kendall hears from three Berliners about life under the blockade. Link: BBC History Time: 15 minutes</p>
 <p>Listen Chernobyl with Julie McDowall The Chernobyl disaster was a nuclear accident near the town of Pripyat, Ukraine in 1986. Dan Snow talks to Julie McDowall, an expert in all things nuclear, about the disaster. They cover the initial blast, the impact it had on the first responders and the fate of Ukraine and neighbouring countries, whilst also discussing how the legacy of Chernobyl damaged people's faith in the Soviet Union and contributed to its fall. Link: Dan Snow Time: 27 minutes</p>	 <p>Read The Cuban Missile Crisis The Cuban Missile Crisis, a tense 13-day standoff between the US and the Soviet Union over the placement of nuclear missiles in Cuba, took place in October 1962. Arguably the most dangerous confrontation the world has faced, the crisis occurred at the height of Cold War tensions. More than 50 years on, Mark White re-examines the conduct of the president John F Kennedy and his brother Robert, attorney general of the United States. Link: History Extra Time: 15 minutes</p>	 <p>Watch The Khrushchev Thaw In the second half of the 1950s, an attempt was made in the former Soviet Union to partially reform the Stalinist totalitarian system. The processes that were aimed at the liberalization of social and political life, which went down in history as the Khrushchev Thaw, began. Link: YouTube Time: 15 minutes</p>	 <p>Complete The Eastern Bloc Create a map of the Eastern Bloc – the USSR and the seven Soviet satellite states in Eastern and Central Europe. Include key information about each country (e.g. years it was part of the Eastern Bloc, population when they joined, key political events during that time (Hungarian Uprising, Prague Spring etc.) You may wish to start with Wikipedia. <i>Time: 2 hours</i></p>
 <p>Read A History of the Cold War A brief history of the Cold War, from its early stages as the US attempted to contain the spread of communism, through the atomic age and the space race, to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the USSR. Link: History Channel Time: 20 minutes</p>	 <p>Complete Communism in the Soviet Union Create an information sheet about communism in the Soviet Union. Include definitions of the following key terms: communism, Marxism-Leninism, USSR, proletarian, Stalinism, Gulag, NKVD/KGB, satellite state. Include images if you wish and be as clear in your definitions as possible. You may wish to start with Wikipedia. <i>Time: 2 hours</i></p>	 <p>Watch Chernobyl A Sky original drama about the Chernobyl disaster. Incorporating the causes and the consequences of the disaster and highlighting the contrasting political and scientific responses, this show won 10 Emmys and is considered a modern classic. Only available on NOW TV, which does require a subscription (seven-day free trial available). <i>Time: 6 hours</i></p>	<p>Any questions/ concerns please email Mrs Stibbe- Rita.stibbe@thejohnroanschool.org.uk</p> 