**Textbooks:**

We provide course textbooks but you may want your own copy to make notes in:

*British History* - 'AQA Industrialisation and the People: Britain c1783-1885' by Sally Waller (Oxford University Press ISBN**:** 978-0-19-835453-6)

*Russian History* - 'AQA Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia 1917-1953' by Sally Waller (Oxford University Press ISBN**:** 978-0-19-835458-1)

**Initial topics:**

Our first topics of the year are as follows:

*British History* - Prime Minister, William Pitt the Younger and his main achievements and failures in the years 1783-1801.

*Russian History* - Russia in 1917 - the background of events leading to the February and October 1917 revolutions.

**Wider reading:**

This is always a bonus for a greater insight if you can get hold of these:

*British History* - William Pitt the Younger by Eric Evans

or Lord Liverpool by John Plowright for later in the course (both Lancaster pamphlets) are easy reads and great starts !

*Russian History* - 'A People’s Tragedy' by Orlando Figes explains individuals involved in the Russian Revolution with their stories.

'Stalin: The Court of the Red Tsar' by Simon Sebag Montefiore is a classic read on Stalin, full of anecdotes and insights.

**Online:**

The following programmes, podcasts and articles are an additional way to learn:

*British History* - BBC Radio 4 podcast, ‘William Pitt the Younger’ by Nick Robinson

'Gladstone and Disraeli: Clash of the Titans' is a good documentary on YouTube broken into 6 clips

Article on GovUK website, *‘*William Pitt the Younger (Whig/Tory 1783-1801, 1804-1806)’

by Professor Arthur Burns

*Russian History -* BBC World Service Witness History podcast, ‘The First Russian Revolution of 1917’

'Last of the Czars' 1996 Prog 1-3 on YouTube

Article in National Geographic History magazine, ‘From Tsar to U.S.S.R.: Russia's Chaotic Year of Revolution’ by Orlando Figes