

History Starter for 12

TASK 1: Starter for 12: Medieval history

Students should investigate and write half-page biographies of the following individuals (these biographies must be hand-written): Edward the Confessor, Harold Godwinson, William the Conqueror



TASK 2: Starter for 12: Russian history

1. Write short biographies (no more than 150 words) of each of the following people: Nicholas II, Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin. Focus on the role that they played in governing Russia.
2. Write a paragraph to explain the political theories of Marxism and Communism in 150 words. Briefly describe Karl Marx's ideas and then how Communist ideas were used in twentieth-century Russia. Don't worry if you find this difficult!



- BBC Teach: Communism <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks3-communism/zkpncsw>
- A Brief Introduction to Marxism: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0GFsu5UzA>
- Life in Lenin's Russia: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zp8wcvx/revision/1>



Optional Extras:

Students may wish to buy the core text books:

- *Early Medieval England 871 – 1107* (Holland and Fellows)
- *Russia 1894 – 1941* (Michael Lynch 2nd ed.)

Films and Documentaries to watch:

- The Normans (episodes 1 – 3 available on YouTube)
- 1066: A year to conquer England (BBC)
- Animal Farm (animated) – available on YouTube
- Doctor Zhivago

