



Subject: History

Term 1

Overarching Topic: From Autocracy to Dictatorship – Germany & Russia			
<p>Why is this topic being studied at this time?</p> <p>How does it fit into the wider subject curriculum?</p>	<p>The story of the twentieth-century is one of the struggle of antithetical ideologies – democracy versus fascism; capitalism versus communism. This year we will chart this theme through case studies of Germany and Russia as we ask ourselves how ideologies can lead to dictatorship and what we need to do to safeguard our democracy for the future. We will adopt a comparative approach in order to allow students the opportunity to demonstrate original insight and throw light on the different dictatorships, their natures, characters and structures.</p>		
	Essential	Core	Ambitious
<p>The Big Questions (What questions will students be able to answer upon mastery of the topic?)</p>	<p>What do we mean by the German-speaking lands?</p> <p>Why were there tensions between Prussia and surrounding countries?</p> <p>Who were Kaiser Wilhelm II, Otto von Bismarck and Tsar Nicholas II?</p> <p>What happened during WWI?</p> <p>What key events happened in Germany and Russia in the 1920s?</p> <p>Who were the Nazis?</p> <p>How did the Nazis try to overthrow the government in 1923?</p>	<p>Why did Germany unify in 1871?</p> <p>What were the constitutional arrangements for the new Germany?</p> <p>What was German society like under Kaiser Wilhelm?</p> <p>Why was socialism a problem for the Tsar?</p> <p>What were Germany and Russia like before WWI?</p> <p>Why was the Tsar overthrown in 1917?</p> <p>How did WWI impact on Germany?</p> <p>What were the immediate consequences of WW1 for Germany?</p> <p>What was the Weimar Republic?</p> <p>What challenges were there to the Weimar Republic?</p> <p>What were the consequences of the Bolshevik Revolution on Russia?</p>	<p>Was the unification of 1871 a nationalist event?</p> <p>How similar were the Russian and German autocracies?</p> <p>What comparisons can be made between the effects of WWI on Germany and Russia?</p> <p>Why was socialism an existential threat to European governments?</p> <p>How did the spectre of Bolshevism actually benefit the NSDAP's stuttering climb to power?</p>

		<p>Why were the Freikorps and the KPD issues for the nascent democracy?</p> <p>How did the growth of socialism affect China and Britain?</p> <p>How did the Treaty of Versailles affect the post-War world?</p> <p>What were the similarities and differences between the Kapp Putsch and the Munich Beer Hall Putsch?</p>	
The Key Skills/ Techniques	The sophistication and application of skills will become more advanced as students' progress through the essential, core and ambitious knowledge		
	Skill/Technique	How will this skill be developed?	
	<p>Interpretations analyses and evaluations</p> <p>Assessing the relative utility of sources and interpretations</p>	<p>Studying a range of historical interpretations and developing approaches to effective analysis and evaluation of their utility and reliability</p> <p>Practising comparative evaluations of the usefulness of different sources and cross-referencing these evaluations with interpretations</p>	