


SIXTH FORM SUMMER TRANSITION TASK

	<u>HISTORY</u>	
	Qualification Level	A-Level
	Exam Board/ Syllabus	Edexcel
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Students should prepare two booklets:

- 1.) What impact did the First World War have on Germany?
- 2.) What was Italy like before the First World War?

Each booklet should be around 1000-2000 words in length. They should be word processed and include images, diagrams and maps where relevant. The information should be written in your own words with a detailed bibliography listing the books and websites used in the research. Cutting and pasting is not acceptable! Details are below. Use the bullet point to guide your work and as headings.

Booklet 1: What impact did the First World War have on Germany?

- What was Germany like before 1914? Give details of German society, politics and economy.
- Why did Germany get involved in the war?
- What was the Schlieffen Plan? Why did it fail in 1914?
- What key battles did Germany fight during the war? Give details.
- What impact did the war have on life for civilians in Germany 1914-1918?
- What happened in 1918? Why did Germany lose the war?
- What happened in the 'German Revolution' of November 1918?
- What was the 'stab in the back' myth?
- Why was the Treaty of Versailles unpopular in Germany?
- Conclusions: What are the most important things that you have studied?
- What impact do you think these events will have on Germany in the years after the war?

Booklet 2: What was Italy like before the First World War?

- What was the Risorgimento?
- How, why and when did Italy unify as a country?
- What role did Count Cavour and Giuseppe Garibaldi play in Italy's Unification?
- After unification, what was meant by 'Italia Irredenta' or Italian irredentism?
- After unification, describe the political structure of Italy up to 1915.
- Who ruled? How was Italy governed?
- Who could vote?
- What was the 'trasformismo'?
- Who was Giovanni Giolitti?
- Describe the economy of Italy from 1870-1915.
- What was the Roman Question? What role did the Catholic Church play in Italy 1870-1915?
- What other problems did Italy face in the years 1870-1915?
- Conclusions: What are the most important things that you have studied?
- Which issues do you think were the biggest facing Italy in the years before 1915?

Resources:

Websites:

- [The History Learning Site Covering All Historical Topics](#)
- [History - World Wars: The Ending of World War One, and the Legacy of Peace](#)
- [Spartacus Educational](#)
- [Germany - World War I](#)
- [World War I: Summary, Causes & Facts - HISTORY](#)
- [How The World Went To War In 1914](#)
- [The National Archives Learning Curve | The Great War | Making peace | Reaction to the Treaty of Versailles | Background](#)
- [How did the Treaty of Versailles establish peace?](#)
- [The History Learning Site Covering All Historical Topics](#)
- [History - World Wars: The Ending of World War One, and the Legacy of Peace](#)
- [The Weimar Republic: The Fragility of Democracy](#)
- [Italy - Italy from 1870 to 1945](#)
- [Life in Italy from 1900 to 1940](#)

Books

These books are listed for guidance only. There is no need to purchase any books on the list as all resources for the course will be provided in lessons.

- Hall, Brown, Williams-Edexcel AS/A Level History, Paper 1&2: Nationalism, dictatorship and democracy in 20th century Europe Student Book (Pearson Educational 2016)
- Mary Fulbrook,-A Concise History of Germany (Cambridge University Press, 2004)
- Wehler H — The German Empire 1871-1918 (Berg, 1997)
- Macmillan M-The War that Ended Peace (Profile Books 2014)
- Joll J — The Origins of the First World War (Longmans, 2006)
- Stevenson D-1914-1918: The History of the First World War (Penguin 2004)
- Taylor AJP-The First World War an Illustrated History (Penguin 1974)
- Kershaw I-To Hell and Back: Europe, 1914-1949 (Penguin 2016)
- Watson A-Ring of Steel: Germany and Austria-Hungary at War, 1914-1918 (Penguin 2014)
- Macmillan M-Peacemakers Six Months that Changed The World (John Murray 2011)
- The Vanquished: Why the First World War Failed to End, 1917-1923 (Penguin 2016)
- Hall, Brown, Williams-Edexcel AS/A Level History, Paper 1&2: Nationalism, dictatorship and democracy in 20th century Europe Student Book (Pearson Educational 2016)
- Duggan, C-The Force of Destiny: A History of Italy Since 1796 (Penguin 2008)
- Gilmour, D-The Pursuit of Italy: A History of a Land, its Regions and their Peoples (Penguin2011)