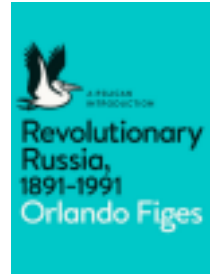


## Task 1 - Researching and finding out about the Cold War.

A huge part of your course is understanding the background and events of the Cold War. Having background knowledge on the Cold War will help you have contextual knowledge for our GDR course. We will be using the research you complete in the first few weeks back. Please make sure you come to lesson with your notes on the below:

Listen to the following podcast <http://www.versushistory.com/podcasts.html> (Versus history - Who started the Cold War episode #6) and answer the questions below.

- Q1) What are the opening arguments for why the USA was to blame?
- Q2) What are the opening arguments for why the USSR was to blame?
- Q3) What context does he give about WW1, why Russia le early and how Lenin came about?
- Q4) What year does Lenin become official leader and what is his short term goal?
- Q5) What does socialism in one country mean?
- Q6) What were the Soviet's carnivorous intentions?
- Q7) What are the counter arguments for why America was to blame?
- Q8) What was America's isolationist policy? (Do your own research into this, to boost your knowledge)
- Q9) How was America's isolationist policy undermined?
- Q10) How can Poland be used as an example?
- Q11) What was the Truman Doctrine?



## Task 2: Capitalism vs Communism

Do some research and write a checklist - what are the key features of a communist state? What is the difference between Communism and Capitalism?

Communism	Capitalism

## Task 3: Course specific tasks

**USSR** - Watch the following video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cV9G1QUIm7w> (The Russian Revolution 1917 - Epic History TV).

Make notes on the background of what Russia was like under the Tsars and how the Revolution came about. Answer these questions as you go

- Q1. Why was WW1 a disaster for Tsarist Russia?
- Q2. What did people hope for after the February revolution?
- Q3. Who were the Bolsheviks and what was their slogan?
- Q4. What were the People's Soviets?
- Q5. Who were the Red Guards?

**GDR** - **Why and how did Germany lose WW2?** Your task is to research how Germany lost WW2.

1) List 5 allies of Germany. List 5 nations against them.

2) We would like you to research why Germany was defeated in WW2.

Factor explaining Germany's loss	Explanation of how it led to their defeat	How important was this factor in explaining their defeat? Justify.

Here are some articles that you can reference.

[Why Hitler's grand plan during the second world war collapsed](#)

<https://www.richardjeans.com/lectures/germany-lose-second-world-war/>

In year 12 you will have to be a lot more proactive and independent, so we have only included two.

What other articles or website or videos can you find to help you with the task?