

YEAR 11 INTO 12 TRANSITION TASK

HISTORY

Qualification/Level	A Level
Examination Board	Edexcel
Hand into:	Mr MacPhail, Mrs Jaycock, Mr Rawbone, Miss Samples
Duration:	5 hours

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.

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

- 1.) What was Germany like before 1914? Give details of German society, politics and economy.
- 2.) Why did Germany get involved in the war?
- 3.) What was the Schlieffen Plan? Why did it fail in 1914?
- 4.) What key battles did Germany fight during the war? Give details.
- 5.) What impact did the war have on life for civilians in Germany 1914-1918?
- 6.) What happened in 1918? Why did Germany lose the war?
- 7.) What happened in the 'German Revolution' of November 1918?
- 8.) What was the 'stab in the back' myth?
- 9.) Why was the Treaty of Versailles unpopular in Germany?
- 10.) 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?
- 11.) Find TWO different historical interpretations about the Treaty Of Versailles. What are the differences between the interpretations? Which one do you agree with most and why?

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

- 1.) What was the *Risorgimento*?
- 2.) How and when did Italy unify as a country?
- 3.) What role did Count Cavour and Guiseppe Garibaldi play in Italy's Unification?
- 4.) After unification, what was meant by '*Italia Irredenta*' or Italian irredentism?
- 5.) 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?
- 6.) Describe the economy of Italy from 1870-1915.
- 7.) What was the Roman Question? What role did the Catholic Church play in Italy 1870-1915?
- 8.) What other problems did Italy face in the years 1870-1915?
- 9.) 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?
- 10.) Find TWO different historical sources about Italy in the years 1870-1915. What can you learn about Italy from the information that you have found?

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?](#)
- [Italy - Italy from 1870 to 1945](#)
- [Life in Italy from 1900 to 1940](#)

Books

- 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)