

A-Level History Summer Independent Learning.

This research will provide you with a vital introduction to Britain of the 19th century, this preparatory work is essential if you are to understand the rise and fall of the British Empire 1857-1967 which is the topic covered by Paper 1.

Task – your task is to produce an essay answer between **600-750 words** answering the following question,

Question - Was industrial development the main reason for the growth of British power during the 19th Century?

History- A01 Essay Mark Scheme

This is what you will be assessed on, we are especially looking for how well you have researched this question and this will be demonstrated in your **Understanding & Knowledge**, we will then be expecting you to make a **Judgement**, do you think Industrial development was the main factor, you will be able to show us your **analytical** skills and understanding by **linking** the three factors in your answer.

	Understanding	Knowledge	Features, Issues, Concepts	Comment and Balance	Judgement
Level 5 (21-25) A* - 23	Very Good Responds to the full demands of the question Clearly answers the question	Range, specific, precise Every point/argument is supported with precise evidence, when relevant a couple of examples are provided.	Very good understanding Can demonstrate, the significance of events/people; causation; consequences; make comparisons or links between factors	Fully analytical and balanced Every part of the essay is answering the question, there is no description of events, and facts are used to back up judgements. Gives different interpretations – assesses to what extent	Well substantiated Clear argument from the start of the essay. Sophisticated and accurate judgement. Is not contradicted, but supported/returned to throughout the essay. Is explained, justified and supported by evidence
Level 4 (16-20) A – 20 B - 17	Good	Range, specific, precise Majority of evidence is correct Uses relevant dates/statistics/event s	Good; some conceptual awareness	Analytical/balanced Mainly analytical, some description/points not fully explained Will have a range of points – that both agree and disagree with the judgement/question	Some; may only be partially substantiated
Level 3 (11-15) C – 13	Reasonable	Range, maybe imprecise Uses relevant dates/statistics/event s but some are inaccurate	Some; may be generalisation	Links to the question; some balance Answers the qu. – but points not fully explained Most points simply agree/disagree	Partial – thin States a judgement but does not explain why it is the answer (may have one or two examples to support it – but they are not explained)
Level 2 (6-10) D – 10 E - 8	Partial	Some – ltd scope Very few details, or the same facts are repeated	Some – there may be some irrelevance	Limited or descriptive	Undeveloped States a judgement but does not explain why it is the answer

Introduction – Use this website to start your research as it will give a useful starting point.

<https://www.history.org.uk/primary/resource/3871/victorian-britain-a-brief-history>

You will then need to collect **detailed** notes assessing each of the three themes Industrial development, military strength and political change. The best way to approach this question is to complete a table like the one below.

Industrial development – evidence	Military strength – evidence	Political - evidence

As you work your way through the research material on each of the three themes fill up the columns, this will help you to form your own answer (judgement) to the question **Was industrial development the main reason for the growth of British power during the 19th Century?**

Industrial growth – research material.

Use the following links to research this theme, your focus here is on British industrial growth – was the growth of British power during the 19th century totally dependent on **British Industrial Development?**

https://research.britishmuseum.org/research/publications/online_research_catalogues/paper_money/paper_money_of_england_wales/the_industrial_revolution.aspx

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/workshop_of_the_world_01.shtml

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLhNP0qp38Q>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjK7PWmRRyg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9BdVHCuNPs>

Military strength – research material.

Use the following links to research this theme, your focus here is on British military activity – was the British military victorious during the 19th century and do you think this is **more important** than **British Industrial Growth?**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-14218909> - The strength of the British Army

<https://www.nam.ac.uk/explore/crimean-war> - The Crimean War 1854

<https://www.nam.ac.uk/explore/why-did-indian-mutiny-happen> - The India Mutiny 1857

<https://www.nam.ac.uk/explore/zulu-war> - The Zulu War 1879.

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/battles/egypt/> - The British invasion of Egypt 1882

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDZGL1xsqzs> – The Napoleonic Wars 1815.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCeh1RiBjBk> – The Crimean War 1854. Part I

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cVI5OuvLiA> – The Crimean War 1855. Part II

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGoPN3WOBxU&t=66s> – The India Mutiny 1857.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--gZWrMRhpU> – The Zulu War 1879 Part I

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYE8lgmh6Tc> – The Zulu War 1879 Part II

Political change – research material.

Use the following links to research this theme, your focus here is on British political change – was political change during the 19th century **more important** than **British Industrial Growth & Military strength** in leading to the growth of British power during the 19th century?

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/story-of-england/victorian/power-and-politics/> - Introduction to political change.

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/evolutionofparliament/houseofcommons/reformacts/overview/changes/> - The start of political change.

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/evolutionofparliament/houseofcommons/reformacts/overview/reformact1832/> - The 1832 Reform Act

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/evolutionofparliament/houseofcommons/reformacts/overview/furtherreforms/> - The 1867 Reform Act

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/evolutionofparliament/houseofcommons/reformacts/overview/one-man-one-vote/> - The 1884 Reform Act

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_9PGNHd5Zs – What was wrong with Britain’s political system?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-ln4p4mWu0> – The Peterloo Massacre - 1819

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWucd5tXlqY> – The Chartists and the anger at the political system.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80Tk8_qKbjE – The dawn of democracy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6zW9TaQWMM> – The 1867 Reform Act.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-vqV8vD6tc> – The 1884 Reform Act.

Use your complete research to now answer the question - **Was industrial development the main reason for the growth of British power during the 19th Century?**

25 mark Essay question – Structure. Use this structure to complete your answer – remember it should be between 600-750 words long.

Introduction

- Make a judgement in answer to the question - is the view valid do you think industrial development was the key factor?
- Put forward your **argument**, this should be about **100 - 150** words what do you think and why?
- Define the criteria being used to judge, this means include **facts** in your **argument** that you will discuss in more detail in the later paragraphs.
- Outline the main factors to consider, is it possible to say one factor was more important than others?

Para 1 – this paragraph should be about **200 – 300** words.

- Point - state your judgement about the argument presented in the question, this means you should explain in **detail** the **argument** you put forward in your introduction.
- Evidence - provide detailed evidence to support / challenge
- Explain the evidence you have used to show how this supports your point
- Link your point to the next paragraph / overall argument

Para 2 – This paragraph should be about **200** words.

- Point - state your judgement about the main alternative argument, why were the other factors not as important explain in **detail** the **argument** that you put forward in your introduction.
- Evidence - provide detailed evidence to support / challenge
- Explain the evidence you have used to show how this supports your point
- Link your point to the next paragraph / overall argument

Conclusion - this should be about **100** words.

- Re-state overall judgement
- Reinforce arguments for and against

Remember all future History A-Level students **must** complete this work to demonstrate your suitability for A-Level and to prepare you for the topics covered in Paper 1.

History Department Summer Independent Learning – Paper 2 – Russia, 1917-1953

This research will provide with valuable knowledge about Russia in the late 19th and early 20th century which will allow you to confidently pick up the course for paper 2 in September.

Task 1: Research Russia's final Tsar (king) Nicholas II. What were his weaknesses and how did this eventually lead to revolution in Russia in February 1917? Create a detailed mind map to demonstrate this.

Use the following websites and videos to assist you in your research.

Biographical information on Nicholas II

<https://www.bl.uk/people/nicholas-ii-of-russia>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/nicholas_ii.shtml

http://www.orlandofiges.info/section1_OriginsoftheRussianRevolution/WasNicholasIIFitToRule.php

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Nicholas-II-tsar-of-Russia>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicholas_II_of_Russia

<https://learnodo-newtonic.com/nicholas-ii-facts>



Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpWyFch-1tE> – The Last of the Tsars pt.1

In September, we will pick up the course at the start of 1917, a year in which there were **two** revolutions in Russia. However, 12 years earlier, there was a revolution in Russia in 1905.

In order to be able to understand the problems Russia was facing in 1917, it's important to understand the long-term causes, many of which had caused the 1905 Revolution. Although the Tsar survived this revolution, many of the problems which caused it remained and resurfaced again in 1917.

Task 2: Using the essay writing guidance above, produce an answer between 500 and 750 words long for the following question: 'The Tsar was responsible for the 1905 Revolution'. How far do you agree with this statement?

You may wish to consider the following headings for your research:

- Lack of reform
- Social unrest
- Russo-Japanese War, 1904-05
- Bloody Sunday

History of Russia - Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QH9WWxLPNQ&list=PLUOc2qodFHp80tLm7W2rT0zXyMaXikeWS&index=3> – History of Russia, 1700 - 1880

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQVjH4xFrdI&list=PLUOc2qodFHp80tLm7W2rT0zXyMaXikeWS&index=6&t=0s> – History of Russia, 1881 – 1917.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSlVgtwAcRA&list=PLwGzY25TNHPBfaoOR3pXw3VyBvmXljeio&index=8> – The Romanovs. The History of the Russian Dynasty - Episode 8

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXHybEb4b_o&has_verified=1 – The Russian Revolution (Full documentary) – first 25 minutes.

Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwvx34j/revision/1>

<https://spartacus-educational.com/RUS1905.htm>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Russia_\(1892%E2%80%931917\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Russia_(1892%E2%80%931917))

http://www.orlandofiges.info/section1_OriginsoftheRussianRevolution/TheWeaknessofSociety.php

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Russian-Revolution-of-1905>

<https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/modern-world-history-1918-to-1980/russia-1900-to-1939/the-1905-russian-revolution/>

