

IB HISTORY – SUMMER WORK

Read David Marples, *Lenin's Revolution* (ISBN: 058231917X). It is among the “Seminar Studies,” the most popular IB books in the world. On the back of this sheet are questions to consider as you read the book. Buy the book NOW!

On AUGUST 22-23 (A-B) there will be a test on these questions. Know the facts and, more important, be able to analyze their importance in Lenin's rise to power over the largest country on earth.

IB HISTORY

IB history covers 20th century European history and selected topics in American history. Your AP history courses required knowledge in a wide variety of subjects while IB expects more detail in a few of those subjects.

1. Lenin – the fall of tsarist Russia and establishment of the USSR
2. Stalin – Lenin's successor and the rise of the USSR to world power
3. World War I – the origins, strategy, and results of history's most horrific war
4. Hitler – Why did a civilized, sophisticated society follow a mass murderer?
5. World War II – German revenge, Japanese aggression, American power
6. Cold War – a war of ideology, propaganda, and nuclear threats in Europe, Asia, and the Americas that lasted until you were born
7. American history – selected topics, from the Revolution to your lifetime

The IB test includes a DBQ and five essay questions on the above topics. Think of them as longer “free responses” from AP history. There are no multiple choice questions because IB readers expect a very large amount of specific knowledge in your essays.

A major difference between AP and IB is the “historical investigation,” worth 20% of your IB test grade. Topics are required the first week of school. If you would like to see samples and start early, see Mr. Bunton or Mr. MacKay. A top grade requires TIME.

The historical investigation will be due OCTOBER 29-30 (A-B). Points are deducted each day the project is late. Remember, it is 20% of your IB exam grade.

1. What is Professor Marples' purpose in writing *Lenin's Revolution*? Does he have a thesis?
2. Why did Marxists succeed over other groups demanding change in tsarist Russia?
3. What made Lenin a Marxist?
4. To what extent does Marples think 1905 was a "revolution"?
5. What was Peter Stolypin's important contribution to Russia's history?
6. Why did workers and peasants not take power after Tsar Nicholas II abdicated in March, 1917?
7. Why is Order No. 1 very important?
8. ...the April Theses and July Days. Evaluate Lenin as a leader.
9. Why did Bolshevik power increase greatly through September and October of 1917?
10. Following the fall of the Winter Palace, how did Lenin attempt to secure his power?
11. Was the Bolshevik takeover a revolution or a *coup d'etat*?
12. Why does Marples write three pages about Richard Pipes, only one of many historians on Russia?
13. Was the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk a success or a failure?
14. Why did a Civil War – not approval of Bolshevik power – occur from 1918 to 1921?
15. Why does Marples comment extensively on the Ukrainian situation during 1918-20?
16. What was War Communism and why did it fail?
17. Why is the 1921 Kronstadt mutiny very important?
18. How Marxist was Lenin?
19. After its fall in 1991, why does the Russian Revolution still "...elicit some fervor and romantic notions"?