

## Year 12 Induction Task: Russia & Its Rulers

**Task 1: Print off. Read the discussion piece about Vladimir Putin.**

<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/2015/03/why-do-russians-support-still-support-vladimir-putin> )



- Create a mind-map outlining the different reasons Why ordinary Russians today put their faith in a Leader like Putin.
- Headings such as: Personality, Economy, Social Welfare, foreign policy.
- If can, also look across the internet for more Information and research.

**Task 2: Produce a one paragraph biography for each of the following leaders.**

- Peter The Great
- Nicholas I
- Alexander II
- Nicholas II
- Stalin
- Yeltsin

Think about including their system of government, their personality, foreign policy, any wars they had to deal with, size of Russia during their rule etc.



**Task 3: Read the following extract on 'Putin's New Cold War'**

<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/uk/2018/03/putin-s-new-cold-war>

**Q: To what extent did the Cold War end in 1991.**

Read the extract and develop an essay that looks at whether the Cold War ended with our studies in 1991, with the Fall of the USSR. Look to craft a series of notes and an essay.

**Notes:** These will be used as part of a discussion in the first lesson back. The questions will be posed by your teacher and a debate will follow. Feel free to use the wider internet to research the Cold War period 1945-1991 and also Russia afterwards.

**Essay:** Your essay needs to look at two sides of the debate. Think of your essay like a 16 mark Question. There should be an examination of one side of the debate and then the other. Before concluding with your own point of view. You will need to do wider research to help write this essay.