

GCSE HISTORY

Paper 1 Section A/C: Russia, 1894–1945: Tsardom and communism

Interpretations Booklet

Interpretations A and **B** for use in answering Questions 01, 02 and 03



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Interpretation A Adapted from a letter written by Chairman Mao, the leader of China, to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in 1963.

In 1949 China became a Communist country under Mao's leadership. He had copied some of Stalin's methods to establish a dictatorship in China and had received Soviet support.

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Interpretation B Adapted from an interview with Else Rutgers in 2004.

Born in Switzerland, Rutgers was brought up believing in Communism. In 1932, aged 19, she emigrated with her Dutch husband to live and work in the USSR.

In 1942 Rutgers was imprisoned without trial for her views. She served five years in a Soviet labour camp before returning to Switzerland.

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