

Access to Higher Education Unit

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Unit Title: The Russian Revolution and Stalin's Rise to Power

Graded Unit Reference Number: GA36HIS48

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UA36HIS48

Module: History

Level: Three [3]

Credit Value: Six [6]

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 60

Units barred for selection against this unit:

- **The Russian Revolutions of 1917 (GA33HIS11 / UA33HIS11)**
- **Stalin's Rise to Power (GA33HIS08 / UA33HIS08)**

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand some of the factors leading to the decline and fall of Tsarist Russia	1.1 Explain the reasons for the conflict between autocracy and its opponents in the early twentieth century
2. Understand the causes and failure of the February Revolution	2.1 Analyse the factors leading to the February Revolution in Petrograd and the reasons for its failure
3. Understand some of the historical background to the October Revolution and of its immediate aftermath	3.1 Explain the reasons for the Bolshevik triumph in October 1917
	3.2 Evaluate the reasons for the crisis in Russia between 1918 and 1921
4. Understand the nature of Stalin's role in the Soviet Communist Party before 1924 and the significance of Lenin's testament	4.1 Explain the structure of the Soviet Communist Party in the 1920's and the significance of the positions held by Stalin
	4.2 Evaluate the content and significance of Lenin's testament

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
5. Understand the roles of the key five individuals in the power struggle in the Soviet Union following Lenin's death	5.1 Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the five "contestants" in the struggle for power in the Soviet Union following the death of Lenin
6. Explore the key stages in the power struggle in the Soviet Union in the 1920's and why Stalin emerged triumphant	6.1 Distinguish the key stages in the power struggle in the Soviet Union in the 1920's
	6.2 Analyse the significance of economic and ideological debates in the power struggle
	6.3 Evaluate the reasons why Stalin emerged triumphant by 1929