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# GCSE HISTORY

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

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## Interpretations Booklet

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

**Interpretation A** A special report made in 2003 to the Ukrainian Parliament on the 70th anniversary of the famine which followed Stalin's policy of collectivisation during which millions of Kulaks died. This report recorded interviews with many people who lived through it.

Ukraine was able to break free of the Soviet rule in 1991, when it became an independent nation.

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**Interpretation B** Lev Kopelev, from his book 'The Education of a True Believer', published in 1980.

Kopelev was a young Communist in the 1930s who went on to become an officer in charge of propaganda in the Red Army. After criticising Soviet atrocities in the Second World War, he was arrested and later went into exile abroad, which is where he wrote this book.

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