IB History Reading List

**Paper 1 - Move To Global War:**

* **Japan 1931 - 1941**
* *Japanese Imperialism 1894-1945* by W.G Beasley
* *Japan Prepares For Total War* by Michael Barnhart
* *Japan’s Total Empire: Manchuria and Culture of War Imperialism* by Louise Young
* *The Rising Sun: Decline and Fall of Japanese Empire* by John Toland
* *The Japanese Empire: Grand Strategy* by S.C.M Paine
* *Day of infamy: Bombing of Pearl Harbor* by Walter Lord
* **Italy 1933 - 1940**
* *Mussolini: Profiles in Power* by Martin Clark
* *Mussolini’s War: Fascist Italy from Triumph to Collapse* by John Gooch
* *Italian Fascism 1915-1945* by Philip Morgan
* *Common Destiny: Dictatorship, Foreign Policy & War* by MacGregor Knox
* *Mussolini and the Eclipse of Italian Fascism* by R.J.B Bosworth
* *Fascist Italy in the Spanish Civil War* by Javier Rodrigo
* **Germany 1933 - 1940**
* *Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* by William Shirer
* *Understanding Nazi Ideology* by Carl Froland
* *The Death of Democracy* by Benjamin Carter Hett
* *The Coming of the Third Reich* by Richard Evans
* *Hitler Ascent 1889 - 1939* by Volker Ullrich
* *Hitler’s War Aims* by Norman Rich
* *Hitler’s Italian Allies* by MacGregor Knox
* *Bloodlands* by Timothy Snyder
* *Nazi Foreign Policy 1933 - 1941* by Christian Leitz
* *The Second World War* by Martin Gilbert
* *The Foreign Policy of the Third Reich* by Klaus Hildebrand

**Paper 2 - Authoritarian States:**

* **Germany (Hitler)**
* *Hitler and the Rise of the Nazi Party* by Frank McDonough
* *Weimar and Germany: Promise and Tragedy* by Eric Weitz
* *Hitlerland: Eyewitnesses to Nazi Rise to Power* by Andrew Nagorski
* *Hitler: A Study in Tyranny* by Alan Bullock
* *Inside the Third Reich* by Albert Speer
* *The German Dictatorship* by Karl Dietrich Bracher
* *The Nazi Dictatorship* by Ian Kershaw
* *Nazi Economics: Ideology, Theory and Policy* by Avraham Barkai
* *The Wages of Destruction* by Adam Tooze
* **Italy (Mussolini)**
* *Mussolini’s Italy: Life Under the Dictatorship* by R.J.B Bosworth
* *Fascist Voices* by Christopher Duggan
* *Mussolini and Fascist Italy* by Martin Blinkhorn
* *My Rise and Fall* by Benito Mussolini
* *Italian Fascism: Origins and Development* by Alexander De Grand
* **Cuba (Castro)**
* *Castro’s Cuba 1959-1969* by Lee Lockwood
* *Cuba 1952-59: Castro’s Rise to Powe*r by Manuel Sterling
* *A History of the Cuban Revolution* by Aviva Chomsky
* *Fidel Castro and the Quest for a Revolutionary Culture* by Julie Bunck
* *Unvanquished: Cuba’s Resistance to Fidel Castro* by Encinosa Enrique
* *The Double Life of Fidel Castro* by Juan Sanchez
* **China (Mao)**
* *The Unfinished Revolution: Sun Yat Sen* by Tjio Kayloe
* *China’s Civil War* by Diana Lary
* *The Generalissimo: Chiang Kai-Shek* by Jay Taylor
* *The Tragedy of Liberation* by Frank Dikotter
* Red Star Over China by Edgar Snowe
* *The Cultural Revolution* by Frank Dikotter
* *Maoism: A Global History* by Julia Lovell
* *Maoism at the Grassroots* by Jeremy Brown
* *Mao’s Great Famine* by Frank Dikotter
* *Mao’s Last Revolution* by Michael Schoenhals
* *China Under Mao* by Andrew Walder
* *Tombstone* by Yang Jisheng
* *Wild Swans* by Jung Chang

**Paper 2 - Cold War:**

* **Superpower Tensions & Rivalries**
* *Origins of the Cold War* byMelvyn Leffler
* *The Cold War* by John Lewis Gaddis
* *The Kremlin Letters* by David Reynolds
* *The Global Cold War* by Odd Arne Westad
* *Thirteen Days* by Robert F. Kennedy
* *Checkpoint Charlie* by Iain MacGregor
* *Eight Days At Yalta* by Diana Preston
* *The Berlin Airlift* by Barry Turner
* *For The Soul of Mankind* by Melvyn Leffler
* *The Korean War* by Max Hastings
* *One Minute To Midnight* by Michael Dobbs
* *The Sino-Soviet Split* by Lorenz Luthi
* *Arsenals Of Folly* by Richard Rhodes
* *On China* by Henry Kissinger
* *The Great Gamble: Soviet War in Afghanistan* by Gregory Feifer
* *Vietnam* by Max Hastings
* *Embers Of War* by Fredrik Logevall
* *Gorbachev: On My Country & The World* by Mikhail Gorbachev
* *Age of Delirium: Decline and Fall of the Soivet Union* by David Satter

**Paper 3 - Imperial Russia & Revolution:**

* **Decline & Revolution**
* *The Last of the Tsars* by Robert Service
* *The End of Tsarist Russia* by Dominic Lieven
* *The Romanovs* by Robert Massie
* *Nicholas II: Twilight of an Empire* by Dominic Lieven
* *A Concise History of the Russian Revolution* by Richard Pipes
* *A People’s Tragedy* by Orlando Figes
* *Ten Days That Shook The World* by John Reed
* *Lenin* by Robert Service
* *Black Night, White Snow* by Harrison Salisbury
* *Towards The Flame* by Dominc Lieven
* *Trotsky* by Robert Service
* *What Is To Be Done* by Vladimir Lenin

**Paper 3 - Interwar Years 1918-1939:**

* **Interwar Years (see also Paper 2 suggestions for Italy/Germany)**
* *To Hell and Back: Europe 1914-1949* by Ian Kershaw
* **Spain**
  + *The Spanish Civil War* by Helen Graham
  + *Homage to Catalonia* by George Orwell
  + *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway
* **Britain**
  + *The Road to Wigan Pier* by George Orwell
  + *Britain in the Depression* by Stevenson & Cook
  + *Parties and People, England 1914-1951* by Ross McKibbin

**Paper 3 – Diplomacy in Europe 1919-1945:**

* **Paris peace treaties**
  + *Peacemakers* by Margaret MacMillan
  + *The Paris Peace Conference (1919-1920) and Its Aftermath* by Sorin Arhire & Tudor Rosu
* **The League of Nations / Appeasement / Causes of WWII**
  + *The Twenty Years’ Crisis, 1919-1939* by E. H. Carr
  + *Guilty Men* by Michael Foot, Frank Owen and Peter Howard
  + *Munich, 1938* by David Faber
* **Impact of the Second World War on Germany / Britain**
  + *Britain in the Second World War* by Mark Donnelly
  + *Britain at War 1939 to 1945* by James Lingard
  + *Dresden: the Fire and the Darkness* by Sinclair McKay
  + *Life in Germany during World War II* by Ella Numrich Müller