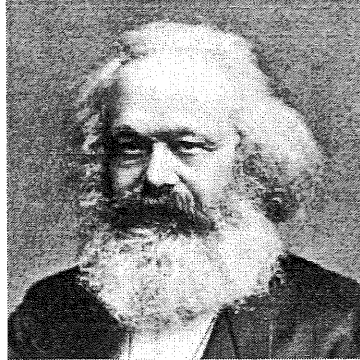


Flying Start -

Modern History

For your Flying Start you are going to find out about Vladimir Lenin and Mao Zedong, who during the twentieth century established the world's first Communist states, in China and the USSR. You will also research the key Marxist ideas which inspired them both to become revolutionaries.



Task 1: Follow the links below to the BBC History website. For both Mao and Lenin, find out:

- Dates of birth and death
- University experiences
- Note down 6 key events which they were involved in, or actions that they took, with dates where possible.
- First impressions – from what you've read, what do you think they were like as people? Choose 4 adjectives to describe each man and briefly explain your choice, using evidence to support your view (no more than once sentence per adjective).

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/mao_zedong.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/lenin_vladimir.shtml

DEFINITIONS OF MARXIST TERMS

Task 2: Use a dictionary, encyclopaedia or the internet to research the following key terms and then write your own brief definition.

Peasant	
Proletariat	
Bourgeoisie	
Capitalism	
Communism	

Please bring your completed tasks to your first History lesson.

We look forward to meeting you in September! From the History Team