

A Level History Transition Work RUSSIA – Year 11 into Year 12

Please complete the two tasks below and bring the work to your first History lesson in September.

You can present the information as you wish but the more detailed your research and awareness, the better prepared you will be to learn about an area of History which you are probably not very familiar with. House Points will be awarded for the best efforts.

If you wish to learn more, there are also some links to further resources you could utilise.

Task One

Create a **fact file** about Russia in 1900. This should include information that answers the questions below:

- How was Russia ruled?
- Who was Russia ruled by?
- What was the condition of society?
- What was the state of the economy?
- What was Russification?
- What was the emancipation of the serfs?

Useful websites

[Russia - Russia from 1801 to 1917 | Britannica](#)

[Factors affecting the security - Security of the Tsarist state before 1905 - Higher History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

[MASSOLIT - Russia – The End of Imperial Russia, 1894-1917: Russia in 1900 | Video lecture by Prof. Peter Waldron, University of East Anglia](#)

[Russia - Novgorod, History, Culture | Britannica](#)

Task Two

Create a **biography** for each of the following individuals:

- Tsar Alexander II
- Tsar Alexander III
- Tsar Nicholas II

Your biography should include information about:

- When they ruled Russia
- Their priorities as a ruler
- Key events during their reign
- How they are remembered

Useful websites

[Alexander II | Tsar of Russia, Reforms & Emancipation of Serfs | Britannica](#)

[Alexander II - Blog & Alexander Palace Time Machine](#)

[Alexander III | Biography, Reign, & Parents | Britannica](#)

[Alexander III - Blog & Alexander Palace Time Machine](#)

[Nicholas II | Biography, Wife, Abdication, Death, & Facts | Britannica](#)

[BBC - History - Historic Figures: Nicholas II \(1868-1918\)](#)

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Extra things you could watch

- [Empire of the Tsars: Romanov Russia with Lucy Worsley - BBC iPlayer](#)
- [Empire of the Tsars: Romanov Russia with Lucy Worsley - 2. Age of Extremes - BBC iPlayer](#)
- [Empire of the Tsars: Romanov Russia with Lucy Worsley - 3. The Road to Revolution - BBC iPlayer](#)

Extra things you could read

- Russian History: A very short introduction by Geoffrey Hosking
- The Last of the Tsars by Robert Service
- The Romanovs: The story of Russia and its Empire 1613-1918 <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/russian-history-9780199580989?cc=gb&lang=en&>

Extra things you could listen to

- [BBC Sounds - Short History Of..., The Romanovs](#)
- [The Romanovs • Dan Snow's History Hit](#)
- [93. Murdering the Romanovs: Th...—Empire – Apple Podcasts](#)