

Preparing for Year 12: History – Tsarist and Communist Russia (1855-1964)

Russia is an enormous country with a long and complex history. The idea behind this research is that it helps you to familiarise yourself with some of the key people, places and events.

Key Skills Development

- 1) Tsarist rule was built on 3 key ideas AUTOCRACY, ORTHODOXY and NATIONALITY. Make sure you know what each of these is and then draw a picture/draw something that shows you understand these 3 pillars that will support Tsarist rule.
- 2) Read the interview at the end of this section with historian Simon Sebag-Montefiore. Pick out at least 5 qualities that he identifies a 'good tsar' should have and create a job ad to recruit one!

Research

Research one interesting fact to do with each of the 6 rulers that we will be looking at.

The information can be about the person, something to do with their premiership or an aspect of Russia was like under them. You then need to write a paragraph for each one explaining the significance of the thing you have found out in how it affected the development/their rule of Russia. Don't forget to include key dates of when they 'ruled' Russia.

- Alexander II
- Alexander III
- Nicholas II
- Lenin
- Stalin
- Khrushchev