



Pathfinder: Russian History

This pathfinder is to help you
with research for Russian
History.

Search Tools: When you are in the library you can use one of our two catalog lookup stations to find books that you need. From any computer in the high school you can use the same catalog by using the following URL 10.1.9.75:8080

Introductory Materials: Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation along with other terms and ideas to expand your search.

Terms and Keywords: Use Alexandria, our on-line catalog, to look for your book sources. You may try word(s) to find your subject like 'Kremlin'. But also remember to think beyond your subject for more specific terms like 'Peter the Great' and broader terms such as 'rulers or kings'. Use the index in the back of the book for your specific subject. The following are some terms to use for the Russian History:

- Communism
- Russian Revolution
- Soviet Union
- Joseph Stalin
- Russian history

Dewey Numbers: We organize our books according to the Dewey Decimal System. These are some of the areas you will find books for this project:

947 – is Russian History

92 – is where the biographies are

709.47 – is Russian art

641.5947 is recipes for Russian food

Reference Materials to Use: The books with a reference sticker cannot be checked out, however, you may make copies of the pages you need from these books. Don't forget to make a copy of the title page for your works cited page. Here are a few books we have that are reference on Russian History:

- REF 947 CAM *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Russia and the former Soviet Union*
- REF 947 ENC *Encyclopedia of Russian History*

- REF 947 GIL *The Routledge Atlas of Russian History*

Internet Resources: When you google a topic you can literally get millions of websites. It is difficult to know whether you have a reputable website. Most websites with the suffix .edu and .org are reliable. Make sure the .com sites are credible, if they are from well-known entities like historychannel.com or newsweek.com they are fine to use. Here are a few good sites.

- <http://www.bucknell.edu/x17601.xml> This page attempts to capture the flavor of the rich diversity evolving over Russian history.
- <http://www.alexanderpalace.org/> Russian history websites and online books present a wide array of subjects relating to Royalty, Art, the Revolution and the Romanov Dynasty.
- www.geographia.com/russia/rushis01.htm Russian history including the Mongols.

Additional Reading (fiction and nonfiction):

- *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean
- *Archangel* by Robert Harris
- *A Countess Below Stairs* by Eva Ibbotson
- *The Night Journey* by Kathryn Lasky
- *Vladimir Lenin* (many biographies by various authors)
- *The Romanov Conspiracy* by Glenn Mead
- *Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak
- *The Rasputin File* by Edvard Radzinsky