

Royal Russian Time Machine Lesson Plan

Social Studies

9th Grade

Objectives:

- Students will be able to describe the reign of Russia's last Czar, Nicolas Romanov, and his family.
- Students will become familiar with the Romanov family by visiting websites and looking through primary documents and pictures.

Benchmarks:

Social Studies:

- Standard 4.3 All students will describe how government decisions on taxation, spending, public goods, and regulation impact what is produced, how it is produced, and who receives the benefits of production.
- Standard 1.4 All students will evaluate key decisions made at critical turning points in history by assessing their implications and long-term consequences.

Technology:

- [Standard 2.3](#) All students will be able to retrieve, organize, and evaluate information using a technological system.
- [Standard 2.4](#) All students will be able to evaluate information received through technologies.
- [Standard 3.3](#) All students will be able to evaluate decisions using technology.

***Lesson should take about 3-4 days. One day will be spent on background information, two days in the computer lab, and the last day in the classroom to talk about what the students discovered.

Materials:

- Royal Russian Time Machine [Handout](#)
- Extra Credit Puzzle Maker [Handout](#)
- Computer lab with Internet connection

Procedure:

1. Day One: In the classroom setting, give students background information on the Russian Royals. Make sure they understand what an empire is and what a czar is. An introductory video on the Romanov family would be excellent on day one, or even some pictures of the family from the Internet or from books would be a start to help student understanding.
2. Days Two and Three: Students will work on the Royal Russian Time Machine Handout in the computer lab. Encourage students to explore the websites even further than what the questions ask for. If students finish early, give them the extra credit Puzzle Maker opportunity to work on in the lab.
3. Day Four: Back in the classroom, check the handout together as a class and clarify any questions that students have. Review what "Imperial Russia" means and the requirements needed to overthrow a government, in this case, the Romanov family.

Assessment:

Students will be assessed on their Royal Russian Time Machine Handout based on a point scale. 50 points are possible—points can be taken away if students are not working properly in the computer lab. This is an exploratory activity for the students to use primary sources and pictures to examine a different place and era in time. This lesson is part of a larger unit on Russia. This lesson is the main focus of one section of the larger unit on Russia—Imperial Russia.