

Information Guide #2 Early Stages of Russian Radicalism

Russian Emperors (Tsars) in the 19th Century

Alexander I (1801-1825)
Nicholas I (1825-1855)
Alexander II (1855-1881)
Alexander III (1881-1894)
Nicholas II (1894-1917)

Convenient Timeline

1825 Decembrist Revolt
1840s Intense discussions of Slavophiles & Westernizers
1845 Formation of Petrashevsky circle
1848 Revolutions in much of Europe
1849 Arrest of participants in Petrashevsky circle, with harsh punishment
1855 Death of Nicholas I
1857 Alexander Herzen launches the newspaper *The Bell* (Kolokol) in London
1861 Emancipation of serfs in Russia
1862 Formation of the (first) Land & Liberty group
1863 Nikolai Chernyshevsky completes novel *What is to be Done?*

People, Concepts, Events, etc.

Vissarion Belinsky	Alexander Herzen	French utopian socialism
Mikhail Bakunin	Slavophiles	Westernizers
Serfdom	Peasant commune (<i>obshchina</i>)	Petrashevsky circle
Nickolai Chernyshevsky	Young Russia	Pyotr Zaichnevsky
Nihilism	Dmitrii Pisarev	Land and Liberty
<i>narod</i> = “the people” (peasants)	Intelligentsia	<i>Raznochintsy</i>