

Useful Info #2 Nicholas I

A Provisional Outline:

- I. Challenges to Autocracy: Pugachev, Decembrists & Poles
- II. Nicholas I as conservative, a source of stagnation
- III. Nicholas' reformist side (perhaps beneath the surface)
- IV. The Contradictions and dilemmas of his rule

Some big moments in Nicholas' reign (1825-1855):

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| 1825 | Decembrist Uprising, Nicholas becomes Emperor |
| 1826-28 | War with Persia; Russia acquires eastern Armenia |
| 1827-29 | War against Ottoman Empire |
| 1830-31 | Insurrection in Russian Poland (November Uprising) |
| 1833 | Articulation of ideology known as "Official Nationality" |
| 1838 | Creation of Ministry of State of Domains |
| 1848 | Revolutions in Europe (France, Prussia, Austria) |
| 1849 | Nicholas sends troops to aid Austria in subduing Hungarian revolt |
| 1853 | Beginning of Crimean war |

Highlights from the Reading

Decembrists	November Uprising (1830-31)	Sergei Uvarov
Mikhail Speranskii	Third Section	"Official Nationality"
Code of Law (Law Digest)	Pavel Kiselev	Gentry / nobility
Serfdom	<i>barshchina</i> (unpaid labor)	<i>obrok</i> (dues or quitrent)
State peasants	Kingdom of Poland	