**Year 12 Students Summer Tasks A-Level History**

**In the first few weeks of the new academic year we study Tsarist Russia, and in doing so, need to become familiar with Tsar Alexander II. In the following task you will need to showcase your research skills to find required information on Alexander II, including content on his personal life as well as his controversial domestic policies. You will also need to identify some of the key terms we will come across in this module in order to support your learning in the first term.**

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**Task 1: Provide details of Alexander II’s years as Tsar, information on his wife, mistress and children.**

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**Task 2: Provide details of Alexander II’s famous Emancipation Edict and three of his further reforms.**

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| **The Emancipation Edict 1861** |
| **Local Government reforms 1864** |
| **Education reforms 1863-64** |
| **Judiciary reforms 1864** |

**Task 3: Assess the extent to which these reforms were successful.**

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**Task 4: Identify the meanings of the following key words/ terms.**

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| 1. **Serf**
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| 1. **Autocratic**
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| 1. **Orthodox**
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| 1. **Duma**
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| 1. **Zemstva**
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| 1. **Kulak**
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| 1. **Mir**
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| 1. **Intelligentsia**
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| 1. **Conscription**
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| 1. **Bureaucracy**
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| 1. **Redemption payments**
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| 1. **Censorship**
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| 1. **Volosts**
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| 1. **Cultural assimilation**
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| 1. **Anti-Semitism**
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**Links to recommended core textbooks and revision guides for AQA A-Level History**

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-AQA-History-Level-Communist/dp/0198354673/ref=pd\_lpo\_14\_t\_0/257-7278979-9092619?\_encoding=UTF8&pd\_rd\_i=0198354673&pd\_rd\_r=80a1ca19-7ec0-40d1-88c1-ac8df8246b87&pd\_rd\_w=FgZwN&pd\_rd\_wg=kabp5&pf\_rd\_p=7b8e3b03-1439-4489-abd4-4a138cf4eca6&pf\_rd\_r=FPCBKJQMK8B4W78EWXR2&psc=1&refRID=FPCBKJQMK8B4W78EWXR2](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-AQA-History-Level-Communist/dp/0198354673/ref%3Dpd_lpo_14_t_0/257-7278979-9092619?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=0198354673&pd_rd_r=80a1ca19-7ec0-40d1-88c1-ac8df8246b87&pd_rd_w=FgZwN&pd_rd_wg=kabp5&pf_rd_p=7b8e3b03-1439-4489-abd4-4a138cf4eca6&pf_rd_r=FPCBKJQMK8B4W78EWXR2&psc=1&refRID=FPCBKJQMK8B4W78EWXR2)

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revision-Notes-level-Communist-1855-1964/dp/1471876160/ref=pd\_sbs\_14\_6/257-7278979-9092619?\_encoding=UTF8&pd\_rd\_i=1471876160&pd\_rd\_r=8c25516b-e30e-4a3d-8ee1-93cebc66e05a&pd\_rd\_w=BwFSL&pd\_rd\_wg=cStFJ&pf\_rd\_p=2773aa8e-42c5-4dbe-bda8-5cdf226aa078&pf\_rd\_r=VW51J9GRJ1HH4B75MD4Z&psc=1&refRID=VW51J9GRJ1HH4B75MD4Z](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revision-Notes-level-Communist-1855-1964/dp/1471876160/ref%3Dpd_sbs_14_6/257-7278979-9092619?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=1471876160&pd_rd_r=8c25516b-e30e-4a3d-8ee1-93cebc66e05a&pd_rd_w=BwFSL&pd_rd_wg=cStFJ&pf_rd_p=2773aa8e-42c5-4dbe-bda8-5cdf226aa078&pf_rd_r=VW51J9GRJ1HH4B75MD4Z&psc=1&refRID=VW51J9GRJ1HH4B75MD4Z)

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-AQA-History-Level-Revolution/dp/019835472X/ref=sr\_1\_1?dchild=1&keywords=aqa+english+revolution&qid=1587648258&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-AQA-History-Level-Revolution/dp/019835472X/ref%3Dsr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=aqa+english+revolution&qid=1587648258&s=books&sr=1-1)

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revision-Notes-level-Revolution-1625-1660/dp/1471876195/ref=pd\_sbs\_14\_2/257-7278979-9092619?\_encoding=UTF8&pd\_rd\_i=1471876195&pd\_rd\_r=92aea8b0-6c27-4427-84fe-fb81a776accd&pd\_rd\_w=I32qR&pd\_rd\_wg=2iwZb&pf\_rd\_p=2773aa8e-42c5-4dbe-bda8-5cdf226aa078&pf\_rd\_r=VTP546TDJ56T1B1CF5Q9&psc=1&refRID=VTP546TDJ56T1B1CF5Q9](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revision-Notes-level-Revolution-1625-1660/dp/1471876195/ref%3Dpd_sbs_14_2/257-7278979-9092619?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=1471876195&pd_rd_r=92aea8b0-6c27-4427-84fe-fb81a776accd&pd_rd_w=I32qR&pd_rd_wg=2iwZb&pf_rd_p=2773aa8e-42c5-4dbe-bda8-5cdf226aa078&pf_rd_r=VTP546TDJ56T1B1CF5Q9&psc=1&refRID=VTP546TDJ56T1B1CF5Q9)

**Do you enjoy watching videos to help you learn? If so there are a range of useful videos on YouTube and BBC iPlayer on the Tsarist Dynasty and Russian Revolution. Please find some links to these below**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZopW0uXlHw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hx2zMUCsdM0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1em_lDQzmA>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06vmlcg>

**Have Netflix? If so you can check out the series The Last Czars** <https://www.netflix.com/gb/title/80211648>

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[**https://www.history.org.uk/student/module/8671/careers-with-history**](https://www.history.org.uk/student/module/8671/careers-with-history)