

Week 3 Russia transition.

Resources; scanned pages from Hodder p12-17, question sheet for Lucy Worsley programme.

Task 1 - Quick discussion

- A. In a nutshell what was your answer to the essay question?
- B. What is the argument for and against each of these factors being a key cause of the emancipation of the serfs?
- Economic factors
 - The moral case
 - The beliefs and experiences of Alexander II
 - Risk of revolt
 - The Crimean War
- C. Why did Alexander II tell the nobility that, 'It is better to abolish serfdom from above, than to wait for that time when it starts to abolish itself from below'? What was his ulterior motive?

Task 2 - The process of the emancipation of the serfs.

Why might emancipating the serfs be difficult? Any suggestions of the tricky key issues involved?

Read p13 and use the information to make a table showing what the serfs/peasants gained and lost from the process of emancipation. The first one has been done for you.

Gains	losses
Serfdom was abolished and serfs were now legally free. They could marry whom they liked, travel, vote in local elections and trade	The Mir now controlled the peasants and they weren't allowed to move away without its permission

Task 3. How was emancipation implemented?

Read p14 and note in whatever form you chose the key arrangements and consequences of emancipation for different groups. You could try the diagram approach suggested on the page, in the yellow box on note making.

Task 4. The consequences of emancipation.

Write a first-hand account from i) **a member of the nobility** ii) **a peasant**.

In both cases you are going to express their reaction to the terms of emancipation.

Try to include their initial expectations and their response to the process itself.

This can be in the form of a letter, diary entry, etc.

In each case it should be about ½ a side.

Task 5. Working on interpretation skills; extended reading.

Read p 16-17 and complete all the tasks that are under the title, ACTIVITY.

Task 6. Watch all of Lucy Worsley's Road to revolution on click view and answer the question sheet attached.