

Historical Princess Study Guide

The Romanov Princesses

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Grand Duchess Olga Nikolaevna,

Born: November 15, 1895



Grand Duchess Maria Nikolaevna,

Born: June 26, 1899



Grand Duchess Tatiana Nikolaevna,

Born: June 10, 1897



Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna

Born: June 18, 1901



Emperor of Russia

Nicholas Alexandrovich Romanov

House Holstein-Gottorp-Romanov

Spouse Alexandra Feodorovna
(Alix of Hesse) (m. 1894)

Issue

Grand Duchess Olga

Grand Duchess Tatiana

Grand Duchess Maria

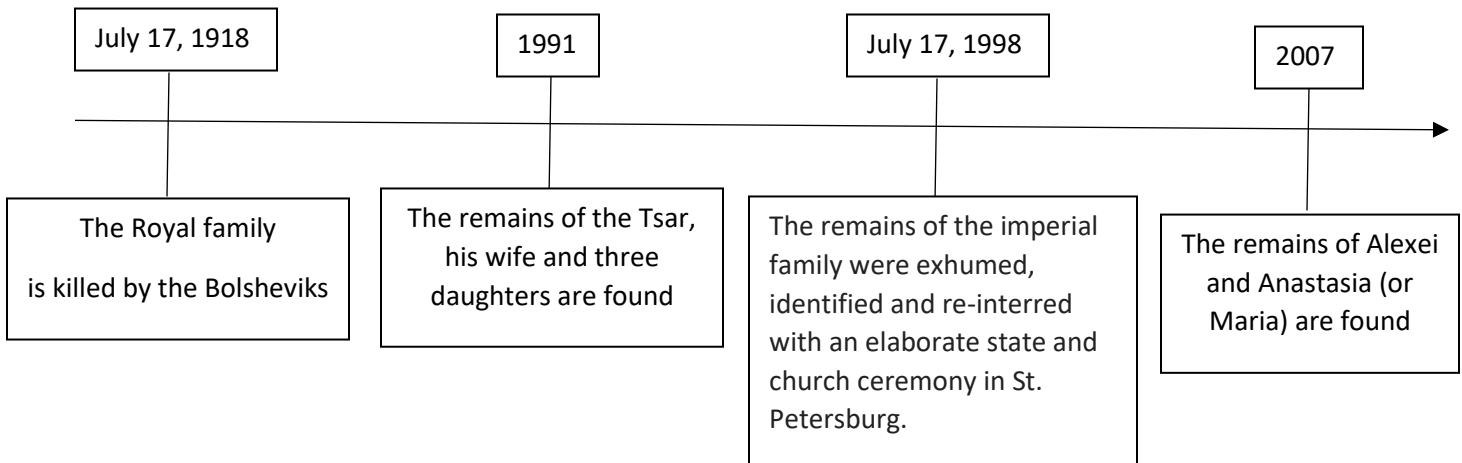
Grand Duchess Anastasia

Tsarevich Alexei

Died 17 July 1918 (aged 50)

Successor Monarchy abolished

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicholas_II_of_Russia



Non-Fiction Book List

- To Be a Princess by, H. Brewster and L. Coulter
- Grand Duchess Anastasia Romanov by, M. Englar
- The Family Romanov; Murder, Rebellion and the Fall of Imperial Russia by, C. Fleming

Era Literature and Historical Fiction

- War and Peace by, L. Tolstoy (though not set in early 1900s, Tolstoy was said to be an advisor of Nicholas II and is probably the most well know Russian author.)
- Doctor Zhivago by, B. Pasternak (this novel takes place during the Bolshevik Revolution)

(Both of the above novels are quite lengthy, an audio version of these might work, but most likely if you have young kids, they'll get bored. And, the books are adult fiction, so review them yourself first.)

- Romanov by N. Brandes (teen Speculative Fiction with Anastasia being the main character)
- The Apartment; a Century of Russian History by A. Litvina
- Russian Roulette by A. Horowitz (an Alex Rider novel)



Icon of the Feodorovskaya Mother of God – one of many icons placed in the Alexander Palace by the Empress herself.



Faberge Egg – made for the imperial family by Peter Carl Faberge

Map



Discussion or Essay Questions

1. Research what life was like during the youth of the Grand Duchesses. Where and how did they live? Did the sisters get along? How did they interact with their parents? With the people of Russia?
2. Discuss Nicholas II. What kind of ruler was he? In your opinion, were the Russian people justified in blaming the Tsar for their difficult lives?
3. The Romanov family ruled Russia for over 300 years. Research their family tree. Discuss/ write about an interesting character in the dynasty.
4. The Empress Alexandra was the grand-daughter of Queen Victoria in England. Research and discuss their relationship.
5. Eighty years after their death, the Tsar and his family was finally given a proper funeral. Discuss/ write about why it took so long.

Activities

- Make a timeline; include important dates like when each of the Grand Duchesses were born, died, etc.
- Make a family tree of the Romanov Dynasty or of Alexandra's family.
- Mark on the map above important places you learn about during your study, where the family lived, where the revolution started, where their bodies were found, etc.
- Choose a book to read from the list above and write a report on what you learned.
- Study Art, Science, Music and Culture from the early 20th Century



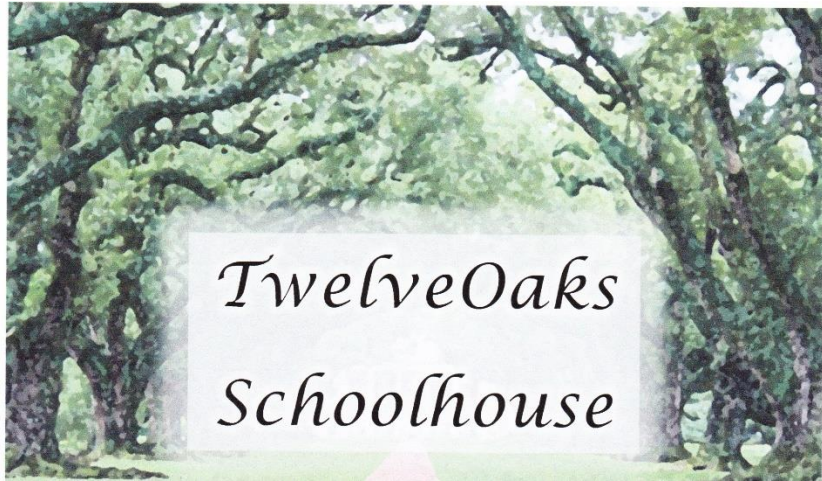
Sleeping Beauty – Ballet by P. Tchaikovsky

Original cast members costumed for Act I. At center is Carlotta Brianza as Aurora.

[Mariinsky Theatre](#), St. Petersburg, 1890

It is safe to assume the Imperial family frequented the ballet as it was a big part of Russian culture.

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