

Course Program

First Year of Study

Introduction to History

Topic 1: What is History?

Historical event. Historical sources. Archaeology.

Historical map. Historical time. Timeline.

Topic 2: Timeline. Era. Chronology

Topic 3: Major Epochs of Human History (Part 1)

“Prehistoric History”, “Ancient History”, “Medieval History”, “Early Modern History”, “Modern History”.

Topic 4: Major Epochs of Human History (Part 2)

Prehistoric Era

Topic 5: Origin of Man

Topic 6: Emergence of Agriculture

Topic 7: Emergence of Cities

History of the Ancient World

Topic 8: Civilization and Culture of Ancient China

Topic 9: Civilization and Culture of Ancient India

Topic 10: Civilization and Culture of Ancient Egypt

Topic 11: Civilization and Culture of Ancient Greece

Topic 12: Civilization and Culture of Ancient Rome

Topic 13: Fall of the Roman Empire. Byzantium

Ancient Rus (9th–12th centuries)

Topic 14: Ancient Rus. First Prince of Ancient Rus – Rurik

Topic 15: Foundation of the Ancient Russian State – Kievan Rus. Rule of Prince Oleg

Topic 16: Rule of Prince Igor and Princess Olga

Topic 17: Rule of Prince Sviatoslav

Topic 18: Prince Vladimir and the Adoption of Christianity in Rus (10th century). Spread of literacy in Rus

Topic 19: Orthodox Church

Topic 20: Creation of the Slavic Alphabet

Topic 21: Ancient Russian City. Comparison of Ancient Russian and Ancient European Cities

Topic 22: Journey to Ancient Kiev

Topic 23: Journey to Ancient Novgorod. Development of Trade in Rus

Topic 24: Festive Banquet in Moscow

Topic 25: Daily Life in Rus. In Boyar Estates and Princely Court

Topic 26: Daily Life in Rus. In Peasant Huts

Topic 27: Clothing and Headwear in Rus

Topic 28: Princes Yaroslav the Wise and Vladimir Monomakh

Topic 29: Russian Principalities in the 12th–early 13th centuries. Period of Fragmentation in Rus

Topic 30: Ancient Rus (Summary)

Second Year of Study

Medieval Rus (13th–16th centuries)

Topic 1: Rus and the Golden Horde

Topic 2: Prince Alexander Nevsky

Medieval Rus. Revival of Rus

Topic 3: Principality of Moscow. Prince Daniil Alexandrovich. Prince Ivan Kalita

Topic 4: With Dmitry Donskoy at the Battle of Kulikovo

Topic 5: Ivan III – Sovereign of All Rus

Topic 6: Ivan the Terrible – First Tsar of Rus

Topic 7: Invention of Printing. Ivan Fedorov's Printing Press

Topic 8: Conquest of Siberia

Transitional Period in Rus (17th century, from Middle Ages to Early Modern Period)

Topic 9: Rule of Boris Godunov

Topic 10: Time of Troubles in the Russian State (early 17th century). Polish invasion of Russian lands

Topic 11: Kuzma Minin and Dmitry Pozharsky – Liberators of Russian Lands

Topic 12: Structure of the Russian State in the 17th Century

Early Modern Period. Russia on the Eve of Peter's Reforms (18th–19th centuries)

Topic 13: First Romanovs. Tsar Michael Feodorovich

Topic 14: First Romanovs. Tsar Alexei Mikhailovich

Topic 15: Russo-Polish and Russo-Ottoman Wars in the Second Half of the 17th Century

Topic 16: Successors of Tsar Alexei

Early Modern Period. Russia in the Era of Transformation

Topic 17: Peter I the Great. Tsar-Reformer

Topic 18: Azov Campaigns

Topic 19: Peter I in Europe. Peter I in the Netherlands. Peter's House in Zaandam. At the Amsterdam Shipyards

Topic 20: Peter I in Europe (continued)

Topic 21: Reforms in Russia. Everyday Life. Education and Culture

Topic 22: Russia in the Northern War (1700–1721)

Topic 23: City of Peter. Construction of Saint Petersburg

Topic 24: Transformed Russia. Peter the Great (Summary)

Topic 25: The Great Northern Expedition of Bering

Russia After Peter the Great

Topic 26: Era of Palace Coups. Catherine I and Peter II

Topic 27: Reign of Anna Ioannovna

Rule of Peter's Daughter – Elizabeth Petrovna (1741–1761)

Topic 28: Accession of Elizabeth Petrovna. Seven Years' War

Topic 29: Mikhail Lomonosov and the Creation of the First Russian University

Topic 30: Structure of the Russian State in the Early 18th Century

Third Year of Study

Reign of Catherine the Great (1762–1796)

“Rule or Die!”

Topic 1: Catherine II. Coming to Power

Topic 2: Age of Enlightenment. Rule of Catherine the Great

Topic 3: Reforms of Catherine the Great

Topic 4: History of New Russia and Crimea

Topic 5: “Golden Age” of Russian Nobility. Peasant War (1773–1775)

Topic 6: Russia at the End of the 18th Century

Topic 7: Russia and the Great French Revolution. Results of Catherine the Great’s Reign

Topic 8: Reign of Emperor Paul I

Topic 9: General Suvorov and Napoleon Bonaparte

Russia in the First Half of the 19th Century

Topic 10: Reign of Alexander I (1801–1825)

Topic 11: Austerlitz and Tilsit

Topic 12: Patriotic War of 1812

Topic 13: The Entire Nation Rose Against Napoleon. Patriotic War of 1812

Topic 14: Socio-Economic Development After the Patriotic War of 1812. Reforms of Alexander I

Topic 15: Decembrists

Topic 16: Decembrist Uprising, 14 December 1825

Topic 17: Reign of Nicholas I (1825–1855)

Topic 18: Crimean War (1853–1856). Early Stage

Topic 19: Crimean War (1853–1856). Entry of Western Powers (continued)

Russia in the Second Half of the 19th Century

Topic 20: Reign of Alexander II

Topic 21: Foreign Policy of Alexander II in Europe and the Balkans

Topic 22: Foreign Policy of Alexander II in America and the Far East

Topic 23: Internal Policy of Alexander II

Topic 24: Revolutionary Populism, 1860s–1880s

Topic 25: Reign of Alexander III (1881–1894)

Topic 26: Internal Policy of Alexander III

Topic 27: Economic Development During the Reign of Alexander III

Topic 28: Russia in the Second Half of the 19th – Early 20th Century

Topic 29: Social Movements in the 1880s–1890s

Topic 30: Foreign Policy of Alexander III

Fourth Year of Study

Russia at the Turn of the 19th–20th Centuries

Topic 1: Beginning of Nicholas II's Reign. Domestic Policy

Topic 2: Foreign Policy of Nicholas II. Russo-Japanese War (1904–1905)

Topic 3: First Russian Revolution (1905). State Duma

Topic 4: Causes of World War I (1914–1918)

Topic 5: Beginning of World War I. Russia in WWI (1914–1918)

Topic 6: Political Parties in Russia, late 19th – early 20th century

Topic 7: Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov (Lenin). Lev Davidovich Trotsky (Bronstein)

Topic 8: February Revolution of 1917 in Russia. Overthrow of Monarchy

Topic 9: October Revolution of 1917 in Russia

Modern History (20th century)

Topic 10: Formation of Soviet Statehood

Topic 11: White Movement and Red Army

Topic 12: Civil War (1917–1922)

USSR on the Path of Building a New Society

Topic 13: Transition to NEP

Topic 14: Three Constitutions of the Soviet Regime. Formation of the USSR

Topic 15: International Situation and Foreign Policy in the 1920s

Topic 16: Stalin – Rise to Power

Topic 17: Socialist Industrialization. Situation of Workers. Stakhanovite Movement

Topic 18: Collectivization of Agriculture. Creation of Collective Farms (Kolkhozes)

Topic 19: Foreign Policy of USSR in the 1930s

Fifth Year of Study

World War II and the Cold War

Topic 20: Fascism and National Socialism (Nazism). Incorrect Comparison: Communism vs Fascism

Topic 21: Plans to Create “German Empire in the East”. Blitzkrieg Plan of Germany

Topic 22: World War II (1939–1945). Beginning of WWII

Topic 23: Beginning of the Great Patriotic War – 22 June 1941

Topic 24: Heroic Defense of Leningrad

Topic 25: Major Events of the First Two Phases of WWII

Topic 26: Heroic Deed of Richard Sorge – Ramzai

Topic 27: German Offensive of 1942. Preconditions for a Turning Point in WWII

Topic 28: Battle of Stalingrad

Topic 29: Battle of Kursk

Topic 30: Occupation Regime and Partisan Movement

Topic 31: USSR at the Final Stage of WWII

Topic 32: USSR Enters War with Japan

Topic 33: Liberation of Auschwitz Prisoners by Soviet Troops

Cold War

Topic 1: New World Order After WWII. Beginning of Cold War

Topic 2: Fulton Speech of Winston Churchill

Topic 3: Cold War (continued)

Topic 4: Truman Doctrine. Marshall Plan

Topic 5: Khrushchev Era (1953–1964)

Topic 6: Policy of Peaceful Coexistence: Successes and Contradictions

Topic 7: Construction of the Berlin Wall (1953)

Topic 8: Space Race USSR–USA (late 1950s–early 1960s). Beginning of Space Era. First Human in Space

Topic 9: Science of Deterrence: How USSR Built and Tested the “Tsar Bomb”

Topic 10: Cuban Missile Crisis 1962

Topic 11: Social and Agrarian Policy of Khrushchev

Topic 12: Stilyagi (Youth Subculture)

Topic 13: Reforms of Nikita Khrushchev (Summary)

Topic 14: Leadership of Leonid Brezhnev (1964–1982)

Topic 15: Policy of Détente: Hopes and Results

Topic 16: History of Cosmonautics Development (late 1950s–mid-1960s). First Spacewalk

Topic 17: Leonid Brezhnev. Main Events of His Rule (Summary)

Perestroika in the USSR (1985–1991)

Topic 18: Reform of the Political System: Goals, Stages, Results. Andropov, Gorbachev

Topic 19: Policy of Glasnost (Achievements and Shortcomings)

Topic 20: “New Political Thinking” of Gorbachev

Topic 21: Uprising in Badaber Camp

Russia at the End of the 20th – Beginning of the 21st Century

Topic 22: Collapse of the USSR. Rise of Boris Yeltsin

Topic 23: Berlin Wall: From Construction to Fall

Topic 24: Russian Economy on the Path to Market

Topic 25: Construction of a Renewed Federation

Topic 26: Geopolitical Position and Foreign Policy of Russia

Russia in the 21st Century

Topic 27: President Vladimir Putin

Topic 28: Development of New Foreign Policy Strategy of Russia

Topic 29: Revival of Russia. Foreign Policy Strategy (1999–2018)

Topic 30: History of New Russia and Crimea

Topic 1: Putin's Reforms: A Different Country 20 Years Later

Topic 2: Identification and Modernization of Russia

Topic 3: Religious Denominations and Confessional Relations in Russia

Topic 4: Foreign Policy and Security Concept of Russia

Topic 5: Foreign Policy of Russia in the Context of New Challenges

Topic 6: Conflict Theory and EU Policy in the Early 21st Century

Topic 7: Relations with the West in the 21st Century

Topic 8: Russia–America Confrontation

Topic 9: Falsification of History. Revival of Nazism in Europe

Topic 10: Russia's Special Military Operation in Ukraine

Topic 11: Concept of National Image. Mechanism of Image Formation

Topic 12: Image of Russia Domestically and Abroad

Topic 13: Russia–China: New Horizons of Cooperation

Topic 14: Role of Russia in SCO and Central Asia

Topic 15: Russia and BRICS – Trends and Prospects

Topic 16: Russia in the System of a Multipolar World

Topic 17: Russian Economy in the 21st Century. Specifics and Prospects

Topic 18: Russia in the Global Economy

Topic 19: Russian Industry: Status, Competitiveness, and Modernization Prospects

Topic 20: State, Business, Society in Russia: Models of Interaction

Topic 21: Education System in the Russian Federation

Topic 22: Transformation of Demographic Policy in Russia: Results and Prospects

Topic 23: Key Trends in the Development of the Education System. Educational Center for Gifted Children “Sirius”

Topic 24: Space Technologies of Russia in the 21st Century: From Dream to Reality

Topic 25: “Challenge Accepted!” First Feature Film Filmed in Space

Topic 26: Russia – Land of Opportunities

Topic 27: Cultural Life in Russia at the Turn of the 20th–21st Centuries

Topic 28: Modern Literature in the Context of Russian Cultural Traditions

Topic 29: Russian Cinema: Prospects

Topic 30: Russian Drama Theater. New Theatrical Reality