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Historical Juxtapositions: America and Russia in the 19th and 20th Centuries

SELECTED READINGS AND RELATED WEB SITES

SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES

Andrews, William L., and Henry Louis Gates, Jr., eds., *Slave Narratives*, New York: Library of America, 2000.

—There are many sources for slave narratives, but this volume contains 10 key texts.

Goodheart, Lawrence B., Richard D. Brown, Stephen G. Rabe, eds., *Slavery in American Society*, Lexington, Mass.: D. C. Heath, 1992.

—Includes “Suggestions for Further Reading,” organized by theme.

Kolchin, Peter, *American Slavery, 1619–1877*, first revised edition, New York: Hill and Wang, 2003.

Related Web Sites

Library of Congress, *The Frederick Douglass Papers Collection*
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/doughtml/doughome.html>

Library of Congress, *From Slavery to Freedom: The African-American Pamphlet Collection, 1822-1909*, <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aaphtml/aapchome.html>

Library of Congress, *Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938*, <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html>

Library of Congress, *Slaves and the Courts, 1740-1860*
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/sthtml/sthome.html>

Library of Congress, *Voices from the Days of Slavery: Former Slaves Tell Their Stories*
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/vfshtml/vfshome.html>

OurDocuments.gov, “100 Milestone Documents of American History”
—13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Abolition of Slavery (1865), available at
<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=40>

—14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights (1868), available at <http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=43>

University of Michigan, Center for Russian and East European Studies: Syllabus for “American Slavery and Russian Serfdom in Comparative Perspective” by Prof. Craig Patton, Alabama A&M, <http://www.umich.edu/~iinet/crees/outreach/pattonsyllabus.htm>

Description: This course is an in-depth examination of American slavery and Russian serfdom from their inception (c. 1500) to their eventual abolition in the mid-1800’s, as well as to their legacy in both countries. The course is explicitly comparative. It systematically tries to discover the similarities and differences between these two systems of unfree labor and, by implication, how each was similar to or different from other patterns of coerced labor in human history. The course is designed for junior/senior history majors.

SERFDOM IN RUSSIA

Emmons, Terence, “The Peasant and the Emancipation,” in Wayne S. Vucinich, ed., *The Peasant in Nineteenth-Century Russia*, Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1968, pp. 41–71.

Field, Daniel, *The End of Serfdom*, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1976.

Frierson, Cathy, *Peasant Icons: Representations of Rural People in Late Nineteenth-Century Russia*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1993.

Kolchin, Peter, *Unfree Labor: American Slavery and Russian Serfdom*, Cambridge, Mass.: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1987.

—See “Bibliographical Note” which lists major sources on Russia and the American South.

Matossian, Mary, “The Peasant Way of Life,” in Wayne S. Vucinich, ed., *The Peasant in Nineteenth-Century Russia*, Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1968, pp. 1–40.

Moon, David, *The Abolition of Serfdom in Russia*, Seminar Series in History, Harlow, England; London: Longman, Pearson Education Unlimited, 2001.

Russian Serf Biographies

There are relatively few biographies of Russian serfs compared to the writings and narratives by American slaves. Fewer still have been translated into English, including the following:

MacKay, John, trans., “Notes of a Serf Woman by M. E. Vasilieva, *Slavery and Abolition* 21:1 (April 2000): 146–158.

Nikitenko, Aleksandr, *Up from Serfdom: My Childhood and Youth in Russia, 1804–1824*, Helen Saltz Jacobson, trans., New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 2001.

—This memoir can be compared with Frederick Douglass’s autobiography. See the volume’s foreword by Peter Kolchin for points of comparison between the two.

AMERICAN ROBBER BARONS

Chandler, Alfred Dupont, *The Visible Hand: The Managerial Revolution in American Business*, Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press, 1977.

Josephson, Matthew, *The Robber Barons*, New York: Harcourt, Brace, and Co., 1934; San Diego: Harcourt, Brace, and Co., 1995.

Kessner, Thomas, *Capital City: New York City and the Men Behind America's Rise to Economic Dominance, 1860–1900*, New York: Simon and Schuster, 2003.

Related Web Sites

DeLong, J. Bradford, professor of economics at UC Berkeley, “Robber Barons”
http://econ161.berkeley.edu/Econ_Articles/carnegie/delong_moscow_paper2.html

OurDocuments.gov, “100 Milestone Documents of American History”: Interstate Commerce Act (1887). Available at <http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=49>

OurDocuments.gov, “100 Milestone Documents of American History”: Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1890). Available at <http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=51>

PBS, *The American Experience*, “The Richest Man in the World: Andrew Carnegie”
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/>

PBS, *The American Experience*, “The Rockefellers”
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/index.html>

RUSSIAN OLIGARCHS

Bonnell, Victoria E., “Russia’s New Entrepreneurs,” in Victoria E. Bonnell and George W. Breslauer, eds., *Russia in the New Century: Stability or Disorder?* Boulder, Co.: Westview Press, 2001, pp. 175–200.

Brzezinski, Matthew, *Casino Moscow: A Tale of Greed and Adventure on Capitalism’s Wildest Frontier*, Free Press, 2002.

Fak, Alex, “World Bank Assails ‘Robber Barons,’” *Moscow Times* (April 8, 2004): 1. Also available at <http://www.moscowtimes.ru/stories/2004/04/08/001.html>

Hesseldahl, Arik, “Russian Gushers (Russian Energy Billionaires),” *Forbes* (June 21, 2001). Also available at <http://www.forbes.com/2001/06/21/0621russianintro.html>.
—Photos and short bios of eight Russians from the *Forbes* 2001 list of energy billionaires.

Freeland, Chrystia, *Sale of the Century: Russia's Wild Ride From Communism to Capitalism*, New York: Crown Publishers, 2000.

Goldman, Marshall I., *The Piratization of Russia: Russian Reform Goes Awry*, New York: Routledge, 2003.

Hoffman, David E., *The Oligarchs: Wealth and Power in the New Russia*, New York: PublicAffairs Books, 2002.

Jack, Andrew, "In the Reign of the New Tsars," *Financial Times* (August 25, 2003).

Klebnikov, Paul, *Godfather of the Kremlin: Boris Berezovsky and the Looting of Russia*, New York: Harcourt Inc., 2000.

Klebnikov, Paul, "Out of Russia's Ashes—Treasure," *Forbes* (March 17, 2003). Also available at <http://www.forbes.com/global/2003/0317/074.html>

Lichfield, Gideon, "Robber Baron," *The New Republic* (November 17, 2003): 13.
—Comparison of Mikhail Khodorkovsky and John D. Rockefeller.

Maternovsky, Denis, "Muscovites Get Relatively Rich," *Moscow Times* (August 25, 2003).

Tavernise, Sabrina, "Russia's New Rich are Living It Up," *International Herald Tribune* (July 29, 2003). Also available from <http://www.iht.com/>.

Related Web Sites

PBS, *Frontline World*, "Moscow—Rich in Russia," October 2003
<http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/moscow/index.html>

Whalen, Kelly, "How to Make a Billion Dollars," PBS, *Frontline World*, October 2003
<http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/moscow/billionaires.html>
—Highlights eight Russian billionaires