

Alexander II

Crimean War	1853-1856
Compulsory Military service reduced from 25 to 16 years	1859
Emancipation of the Serfs	1861
Introduction of new, modern, western style judicial system	1864
Army rank now based on merit and skill rather than wealth/social status	1864
Local Zemstvo appeared in most parts of European Russia	1864
Rigid censorship rules eased	1865
Alexander II's eldest son dies & his wife withdraws from public appearances	1865
Liberal ministers replaced with conservatives, including appointing Dmitry Tolstoy as minister of education	1866
Dmitry Karakazov attempts to shoot Alexander	April 1866
Antoni Berezowski attempts to shoot Alexander and sons in carriage	1867
Only students from Gimnaziya schools could go to university	1871
Trial of 193- 153/193 revolutionaries acquitted, rest had light punishment. Brought publicity	1877-1878
Russo-Turkish War	1877-1878
Case of Vera Zasulich- found not guilty after shooting Dmitri Trepov, governor of St Petersburg	1878
Governor generals established, held emergency powers to prosecute in military court & exile political offenders	1879
Aleksander Soloviev shoots at Alexander 5 times	April 1879
Bomb attempting to kill Alexander placed under wrong train	December 1879
Third Section disbanded	1880
Mine under Winter Palace dining room kills 12 and wounds 50- Alexander late for dinner	February 1880
Loris-Melikov constitution signed	13th March 1881

Alexander II (cont)

Alexander II assassinated by people's will	13th March 1881
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Alexander III

Okhrana allowed to imprison suspects without trial	1881
Ignatiev fired as minister of Interior and replaced by reactionary Tolstoy after proposing an Assembly of the Land to represent the peasantry	1881
Ignatiev becomes minister of finance and passes a law making it easier for peasants to rent state land	May 1881
Vicious Pogroms against Jews, women raped & men killed	December 1881
Censorship Laws	1882
Ivan Delyanov becomes Minister of Education	1882
Censorship law gives government total control over newspapers	1882
Bunge appointed Minister of Finance	1882
Bunge instates Peasant's land bank to help peasant's buy their own farms	1882
May laws added to Jewish discrimination. Included restrictions 'beyond the pale'	May 1882
14 Major Newspapers closed	1882-1889
Universities lost autonomy and couldn't control the syllabus	1884
Russification drive	1885
Bunge passes laws to improve working conditions for women and children	1885
Bunge dismissed	1886
Vyshnegradsky appointed Minister of Finance	1886
Tuition Fees increased	1887
Alexander III's train derailed by terrorist bomb; he suffers kidney injuries	1888
Instated Land Captains	1889
Zemstva vote restricted- Doctors, Teachers & Wealthy Middle Classes can't vote	1890 & 1892
Famine	1891
Zemsta famine relief	1891
Sergei Witte becomes Minister of Finance	1892



Alexander III (cont)

Peasants banned from Mir	1893
Alexander dies of kidney failure	1894

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