



Women and the Russian Revolution: A REEEC LibGuide

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Introduction: Women and the Russian Revolution

Vera Zasulich, like many of her revolutionary and Marxist comrades, dreamt of a future where all of society was equal and wanted for nothing. She, and many other female revolutionaries, joined the men in the movement to overthrow autocracy in Russia and took matters into their own hands. Although she is most well remembered for her attempted assassination of General F.F. Trepov, she also helped organize laborers, wrote and translated Marxist materials for the Emancipation of Labor Group and the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party. She worked alongside the biggest male leaders of the revolution, including Vladimir Lenin.

In her memoirs she recalled: "Even before I had revolutionary dreams, even before I was placed in boarding school, I made elaborate plans to escape becoming a governess. It would have been far easier, of course, had I been a boy: then I could have done almost anything And then, the distant specter of revolution appeared, making me equal to a boy; I, too, could dream of "action," of "exploits," and of the "great struggle." ... I too could join "those who perished for the great cause of love." Vera Zasulich, [...] in Barbara Alpern Engel and Clifford N. Rosenthal. *Five Sisters [electronic resource]: Women Against the Tsar*. (NIU Press: DeKalb, IL, 2013) 69.

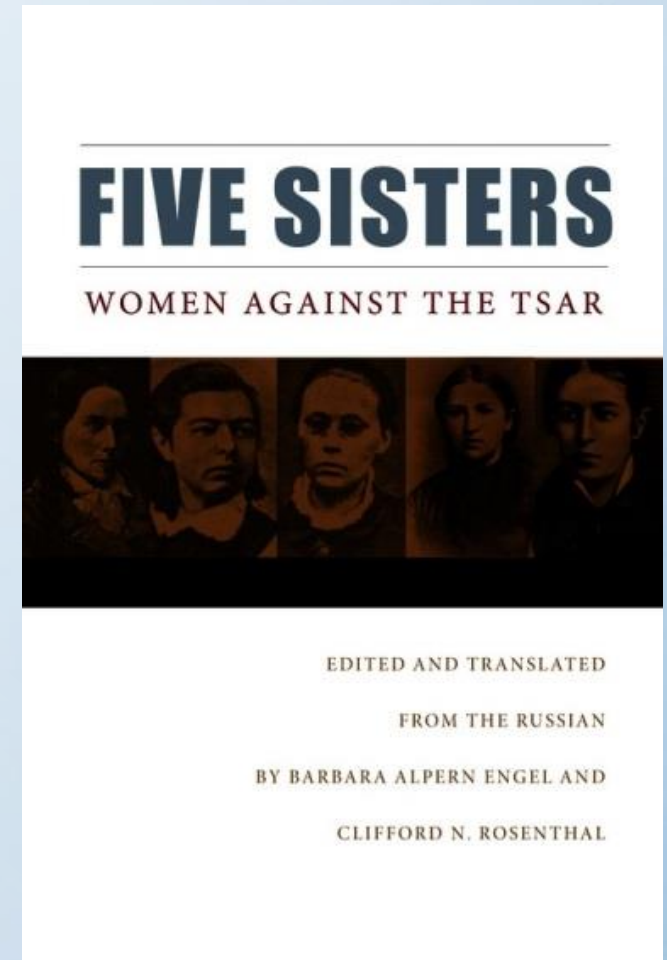
In this guide, you will be introduced to the ways of research and resources to help you and your students discover the role women played in the era surrounding the Russian Revolution! Many of the resources in this guide have links provided to make your research easier!

**VERA
ZASULICH**



Getting Started

- For your consideration, I have provided two examples of general print resources to get your research started. *Five Sisters* contains the memoirs and diaries of revolutionary women like Vera Zasulich who was a Marxist. *Equality & Revolution*, however, details the feminist movement which was occurring in Russia during the same time period. There was an interesting dichotomy between the Marxist women, who did not claim to be feminists but by their actions technically were, and the feminists.
- Engel, Barbara Alpern and Clifford N. Rosenthal. *Five Sisters [electronic resource]: Women Against the Tsar*. NIU Press: DeKalb, IL, 2013.
Persistent link to the UIUC catalog: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=7814271>
- Ruthchild, Rochelle Goldberg. *Equality & Revolution [electronic resource]: Women's Rights in the Russian Empire, 1905-1917*. University of Pittsburgh Press: Pittsburgh, Pa, 2010.
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=7809004>



Bibliographies

- What are bibliographies and how are they useful?
 - Bibliographies are the best sources for research. The best bibliographies include annotations about the resources included. This is the resource which will help you as a researcher decide which sources are relevant for your research and will save time by showing you how much has been published previously on a specific topic.
- Vernacular bibliographies:
 - In order to do proper research in the field of REEE studies one needs to have appropriate language skills. For this kind of project, Russia is the most useful, but German and French can be useful as well.
- English bibliographies:
 - Research in this area is still possible with only English skills, however, the research will be limited.

Bibliographies in English

- English Bibliographic Resources for your consideration (Alphabetical by author's last name):
 - Frame, Murray. *The Russian Revolution, 1905-1921: A Bibliographic Guide to Works in English*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1995.
Persistent link to the UIUC catalog: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=3746076>
 - Ignashev, Diane M. Nemec, and Sarah Krive. *Women and Writing in Russia and the USSR: A Bibliography of English-Language Sources*
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=3388064>
 - Grierson, Philip. *Books on Soviet Russia, 1917-1942*. London: Methuen, 1943.
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=1194687>
 - Smele, Jon. *The Russian Revolution and Civil War, 1917-1921: An Annotated Bibliography*. London: Continuum, 2003.
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=4718282>

Bibliographies in English Continued

- Ruthchild, Rochelle Goldberg. *Women in Russia and the Soviet Union: An Annotated Bibliography*. New York: G.K. Hall & Co., 1993.
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=3648149>
- Tomei, Christine D. *Russian Women Writers*, V. 1 and 2. New York: Garland Publishing, INC, 1999.
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=4122850>
- Wieczynski, Joseph L. *The Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History*. Academic International Press: Gulf Breeze, Fla., 1976-2000. [Note: This collection has 61 volumes]
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=1049773>

Library of Congress Transliteration

- To help you search for sources within the UIUC catalog, and elsewhere for libraries who use LoC style transliteration, I have provided a link to the LoC Russian transliteration table. LoC provides many other tables for other languages as well.
- <https://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsr/romanization/russian.pdf>

Russian			
<i>Vernacular</i>	<i>Romanization</i>	<i>Vernacular</i>	<i>Romanization</i>
<i>Upper case letters</i>		<i>Lower case letters</i>	
А	A	а	a
Б	B	б	b
В	V	в	v
Г	G	г	g
Д	D	д	d
Е	E	е	e
Ё	Ё	ё	ë
Ж	Zh	ж	zh

Bibliographies in Russian

- Russian Bibliographic Resources for your consideration (Transliterated into the LoC style for your searching convenience, some titles in English as listed in the UIUC catalog):
- *Menshevik Collection Index – Menshevik Collection of Newspapers, Periodicals, Pamphlets and Books related to the Menshevik Movement* – Hoover Institution Film Collection
Permalink to the microfilm collection: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=5855585>
- *Istoriia Dorevoliutsionnoi Rossii v dnevnikakh I vospominaniiakh*. [Note: this source is available online here and is divided into 5 volumes]: <http://www.runivers.ru/lib/book4749/>
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=1771792>
- *Bol'shaia Sovetskaia Entsiklopediia*. Glavnyi redactor O. IU. Shmidt. Sovetskaia entsiklopediia: Moskva, 1926-1947.
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=1770257>
- *Bol'shaia Rossiiskaia Entsiklopediia*. Nauchno-redaktsionnyi sovet, predsdatel' IU. S. Osipov. 2004. [Note: this resource has 28 volumes.]
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=5237906>

Library of Congress Subject Headings

- Many libraries, including the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign libraries, give their patrons the option to search for resources by Library of Congress Subject Headings. A note on how to use Subject Headings in the UIUC Online Library Catalog (taken from <http://www.library.illinois.edu/ugl/howdoi/subjectheadings.html>):
- Provided are the exact LoC subject headings you will want to search within the UIUC classic catalog. Simply copy and paste these headings into the search bar with “Subject Headings” highlighted under “Search by” :
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Archives](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Archives--Indexes.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Bibliography](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Bibliography--Translations.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Biography.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Encyclopedias.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Historiography.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Newspapers.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Participation, Female.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Periodicals.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Personal narratives.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Women.](#)
- [Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921--Women--Biography.](#)
- [Women--Russia--Biography.](#)
- [Women--Russia--Biography--19th century.](#)
- [Women--Russia--Congresses.](#)
- [Women--Russia--History.](#)
- [Women--Russia--History--19th century.](#)
- [Women--Russia--History--19th century--Sources.](#)
- [Women--Russia--History--20th century.](#)
- [Women--Russia--Social conditions](#)

Full-Text Databases

- Databases to which UIUC Library subscribes:
 - Historical Abstracts
 - “This exceptional bibliographic database covers the history of the world (excluding the United States and Canada), focusing on the 15th century to the present.”
(<https://www.ebscohost.com/academic/historical-abstracts>)
 - East View Databases
 - This database includes digital archives of Russian newspapers
 - Izvestiia Digital Archive
 - Pravda Digital Archive
 - Mostly sources in Russian or Ukrainian
 - However, there is a wealth of sources in English



Full-Text Databases

- ABSEES (American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies)
 - Database of citations to articles about the region published in North America since 1990
 - You can refine your search results to exactly what you need by using limiters
 - Remains one of the most important indexes for REEE studies
 - Articles are mostly published in English
- JSTOR
 - Tries to digitize complete runs of journals from their first publication
- CEEOL (Central and Eastern European Online Library)
 - Most articles are published in languages from the region but some are in English
 - Good database for scholarly articles on timely topics in the region
 - Unfortunately, you cannot search within a range of years. Select one year at a time to search



Full-Text Databases

- MLA International Bibliography
 - The subject areas that this database covers are immense. It covers literature from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America.
 - The subject that is mostly covered in this database is literature and languages, folklore, music, art, rituals, and belief systems, theory of linguistics, comparative linguistics, semantics, stylistics, and syntax to translation. (<https://www.mla.org/Publications/MLA-International-Bibliography/Content/Scope-of-the-Bibliography>)
 - You can search by language, time period, and genre within this database.
- Russian Academy of Sciences INION Database
 - “Within the *Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies*, researchers will find a comprehensive collection of scholarly records, including coverage of journals articles, books, manuscripts and dissertations. An indispensable resource for students and specialists in Slavic, Russian and Eastern European studies, this database features more than 12,500 titles and more than 1.9 million records, providing coverage from 1980 to the present in a wide variety of subject areas. Additionally, content is also constantly being added, with the database updated on an annual basis.” (<https://www.ebscohost.com/academic/russian-academy-of-sciences-bibliographies>)
 - This is a bilingual subject index and can be searched in English and Russian with Russian being represented in both Cyrillic and Romanized script.



Archival Resources

Why Archives?

- While middle and high school aged students may not be able to take advantage of archival resources abroad, it may peak their interest if they plan on studying history in college or graduate school.
- Archives contain primary resources, many of which remain untapped in the REEE region. Of course, these items are all in their vernacular language so proper language training is a must.



Archival Resources

- Print Russian Archive Guides
 - Grimsted, Patricia Kennedy, ed. *Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the USSR, Moscow and Leningrad*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1972.
Persistent link to UIUC catalog: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=1551284>
 - Grimsted, Patricia Kennedy, ed. *Archives of Russia: A Directory and Bibliographic Guide to Holdings in Moscow and St. Petersburg*. Armonk, N. Y.: M. E. Sharpe, 2000.
Persistent link: <https://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/uiu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=4258375>
- Online Russian Archive
 - <http://www.rusarchives.ru/>
 - Archive Portals
 - <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/portals-and-platforms/unesco-archives-portal/>
 - <http://www.iisg.nl/abb/index.php>
 - Terminology to help you research
 - <http://home.interlog.com/~moslon/olga/glossary.htm>