Assessment p.1: Is Martin Sixsmith right about the 'culture, beauty and embryonic democracy' of Kievan Rus?



Your assessment task is to create a short, informative video clip about Kievan Rus. Your video clip can be uploaded to YouTube - but only if it does a good job of explaining what life was like in Kievan Rus!

TASK: To help you re-cap some of the key aspects of life in Kievan Rus, organise the information in the grid below into chronological order.

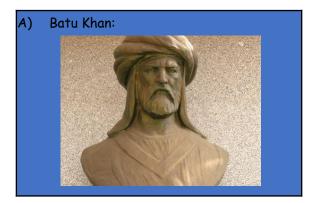
- A) Mongol influence continued to spread across Kievan Rus, and aspects of Kievan culture and politics disappeared.
- B) Anne of Kiev, the daughter of Grand Prince Yaroslav the Wise, married the French king, spreading Kievan influence across Europe.
- C) Alexander Nevsky was nominated to defend Kievan Rus against an attack from the Teutonic knights.
- D) Kievan Rus was founded according to tradition, this was done by the Viking Rurik.
- E) Ivan the Terrible consolidated the influence of Muscovy.
- F) Oleg helped to consolidate the state of Kievan Rus, earning him the nickname 'Oleg the Wise'.
- G) The Mongols invaded Kievan Rus for the first time, led by Batu Khan.
- H) Finally, the Mongol influence decreased. A new state, known as Muscovy, became dominant in Russia.

TASK: Your first job is to select the images you wish to include in your video clip. You will then write the voice-over to go with these images. There are twenty-six images on the next three slides: you must choose no more than twelve of these. You will need to think about the 'story' you want to tell: will you give a full 'narrative account' of the beginning, development and end of Kievan Rus? Or will you focus on just one aspect of life in the state? Either option is fine - but you need to make sure your images help to tell this story. Record your choices at the top of page 5.

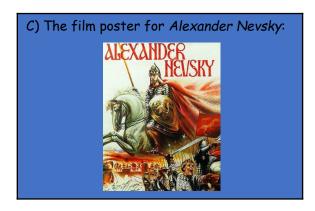
Next, it's time to write your voice-over to accompany the images. Using the space on pages 5 and 6, draft your voice-over. Make sure that it is informative, engaging and dramatic – and that it gets across all of the interesting things about life in Kievan Rus! 'Prepare to be amazed! In the next three minutes, I'm going to tell you all about life in the medieval state of Kievan Rus – somewhere that was way ahead of its time culturally and politically! To begin with... Another thing you need to know is... This was important because... Can you believe that... '

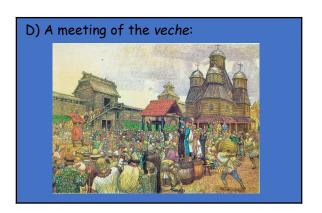


Here are the images you can choose from...

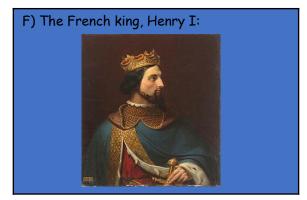


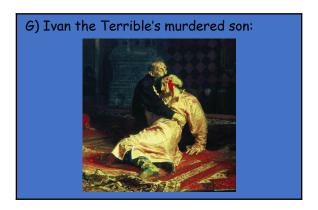


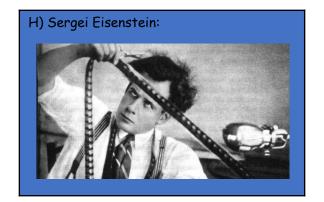










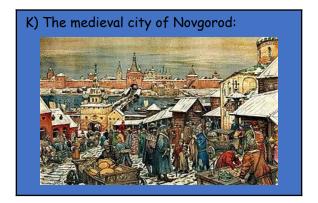






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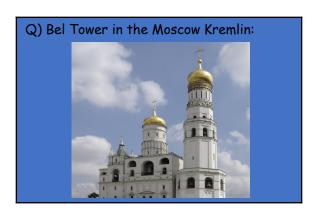










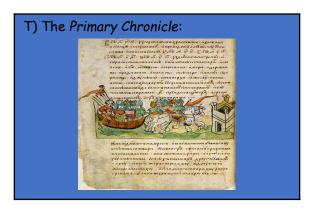


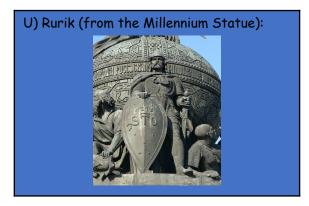




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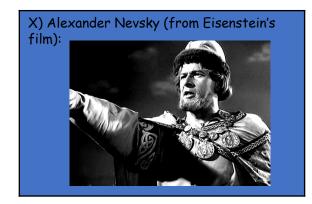
















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Which images have you chosen?	
Planning space:	
Write your voice-over here:	



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Criteria:		Tick:
*	Have you chosen up to twelve images for your video clip, and do these images 'match up' with the information in your voice-over?	
*	Have you written a voice-over to go with your images? When read aloud, is this voice-over around three minutes in length?	
*	Have you included plenty of accurate information about Kievan Rus, including dates, key individuals and place names?	
*	Have you mentioned some of the key turning points in the history of Kievan Rus?	
*	Have you used descriptive language (like adjectives, metaphors and similes) to help make your voice-over more engaging?	

Teacher feedback:	