

Suggested Topics for Research Paper in Muscovite History

mestnichestvo

the Sudebniki of 1497 and 1550

the Stoglav

merchants and entrepreneurs

minstrels

holy fools

musketeers

Cossacks

slaves

the Moscow riots of 1648

the Ulozhenie of 1649

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to write a research paper on one of the above topics or on a topic of your own choosing drawing on materials available in the libraries here at M.I.T.

Paper topics and preliminary bibliography will be due on April 5. The final paper will be due on April 19 and should be 7-10 pages in length. As with your previous paper, it is important that you make a clear argument in the course of your paper and that you support it with carefully chosen evidence. Footnotes are obligatory! Don't hesitate to ask for advice on bibliography or materials.

Good luck! Have fun!