

## NORTHWESTERN HISTORY SYLLABUS

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[The aim of this department is to furnish outlines that will aid those who wish to study the subject systematically. It is expected that its greatest use will be as a guide for members of women's clubs, literary societies, and classes in colleges or high schools. It will be a form of university extension without the theses and examinations necessary for the earning of credits toward a degree.]

### III. Russian Voyages of Discovery

1. Russia's Approach to the Pacific:
  - a. Michael Romanoff's accession to power, 1613.
  - b. Cossacks roaming the Siberian steppes.
  - c. Hunting the ermine.
  - d. Search for fossil ivory.
  - e. The Pacific reached, 1700.
2. Peter the Great (1682-1725).
  - a. "It is not land we want, but water."
  - b. Ambitious plans.
3. Discovery of Bering Strait, 1728.
  - a. Vitus Bering.
  - b. Long journey to Avacha Bay.
  - c. Voyage in the "Gabriel."
4. The Okotsk Sea.
  - a. Discovered to be an arm of the Pacific, 1739.
5. The Great Expedition, 1741.
  - a. Building the ships "St. Peter" and "St. Paul."
  - b. Bering and Cherikoff.
  - c. Mount St. Elias discovered and named.
  - d. Schumagin Islands.
  - e. Landing on Bering Island.
  - f. Death of Bering.
  - g. Discovery of four new beasts.
  - h. Dr. George Wilhelm Steller.
  - i. Rescue of the survivors.
  - j. Men lost by Cherikoff.
6. Lieutenant Synd, 1766-1767.
  - a. Explorations along the "Fox Islands."

7. Captain Krenitzen and Levaschef, 1768-1769.
  - a. Adventures and misfortunes.
  - b. Fur-trade methods reported.
8. Count Maurice de Benyowsky, 1771.
  - a. Escape from Siberian prison.
  - b. Explored Bering Strait.
9. Master Gerassim Pribilof.
  - a. Discovery of seal rookeries, 1786.
  - b. Wonderful harvest of furs.
10. Russian Fur Trade Monopoly.
11. Alexandr Andreievich Baranof.
  - a. Founding of Sitka, 1799.
  - b. Practically a Czar in Russian America.
  - c. His rule extended over three decades.

BIBLIOGRAPHY.—It is not likely that many volumes on the history of Russia in Alaska will be found available in the libraries of the Northwest. There is a large and growing supply of literature on Alaska since the time of its purchase by the United State. However, a few books may be cited with the hope that they will be found quite generally accessible.

BANCROFT, HUBERT HOWE. *Works of*. Vol. XXVII. (Northwest Coast, Vol. I.), pp. 27-31; Vol. XXXIII. (Alaska). These books are found in many western libraries. The volume devoted to Alaska will be found of great help on the field here outlined.

BENYOWSKY, MAURITIUS AUGUSTUS, COUNT DE. *Memoirs of*. Published in London in 1790. This work is relatively rare, but it is one of the sources. The Count escaped from exile in Siberia and had remarkable experiences in the North Pacific, being the first man to behold land on both sides while sailing through Bering Strait.

FUR SEAL ARBITRATION. Published in sixteen volumes by the United States Government in 1895. It contains the full proceedings of the arbitration in Paris between the United States and Great Britain under the treaty of February 29, 1892, over the jurisdictional rights of the United States in Bering Sea. The documents reproduced make these books a storehouse of historical sources. The books ought to be in all the larger libraries.

LAURIDSON, PETER. *Vitus Bering*. Translated by Professor Julius E. Olson of the University of Wisconsin. This inexpensive book

gives a most graphic account of Bering's work which laid the foundation for Russian claims in America.

LISIANSKY, UREY. *Voyage Around the World in 1803 to 1806*. This is another interesting source book. It was published in London in 1814 and though long "out of print" is now available in a number of libraries in this state. His voyage was made by order of Alexander I., Emperor of Russia, and his journal is full of valuable information.

SCHAFFER, JOSEPH. *History of the Pacific Northwest*, pp. 16, 20, 22, 25. Though brief references, these will be especially helpful because the book is accessible everywhere throughout the Northwest.