

LARP in Russia

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Some history

- appeared in Russia in 1980s
- based on personal contacts and networks
- Tolkenizm
- the Borodino battle
- a wide range of genres and styles of play

LARP categories

Outdoors

- Field games;
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- Chamber games;
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LARP forms in Russia now

- Mystery and fantasy
- Literature based
- Historical actions
- Balls
- Post-catastrophe

LARP aims in education

- Entertaining (interesting and relevant for the target group)
- Training (motivating to further development, actions, considerations)
- Educating (learning, upbringing, mastering new cultural environment)

LARP in education in Russia

After-school activities:

- history or tourist clubs – mainly field games
- schools – mainly chamber games for teenagers

LARP games linked to the curriculum

- LARP based on historical events, e.g. “The trial of Joan of Arc” in the frame of History lessons
- LARP based on various stories and novels in the frame of Literature lessons and Foreign languages
- Post-catastrophe LARPs for after-school activities

Thresholds

- Lack of information and confusion about LARP
- Legislation and regulations concerning bring students outdoors
- Lesson-based education
- Tight curriculum
- Lack of cross-subject activities

Opportunities

- Federal State Educational Standards
- Innovative teachers
- Students require new forms
- Experience from abroad
- Over 100 000 LARP players in Russia

Thank you for your attention!