

INGRIANS: BETWEEN RUSSIA AND FINLAND

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MY MOTIVATION

- To study family history, to understand my origin, to learn more about my roots.



MY OBJECTIVES

- to study the history of Inkeri – Ingrian people, to whom I belong;
- to study culture and some traditions of Ingrians;
- to analyze Ingrian traditions and lifestyle in order to understand if they are closer to Finns or to Russians;
- to understand how living on the territory of Russia influenced Ingrian lifestyle.

In order to do my research I read some books on the history of Ingrians, interviewed my relatives and read folklore Ingrian poetry.

INGRIANS – A SUBETHNIC GROUP OF FINNS



- Ingrians have been the citizens of Russia for more than 400 years.



THE TERRITORY OF LENINGRAD REGION HAS MANY INGRIAN VILLAGES



COAT OF ARMS



NATIONAL COSTUME



- Ingrian national costume is closer to the Finnish national peasant clothes. Russians in the same areas wore more elegant “city” clothes.

INGRIAN FOLKLORE



- Some forms of Ingrian folklore resemble Finnish national poetry while some of them are more like Russian poetry (“chastushka”)

EVERYDAY LIFE AND OCCUPATIONS



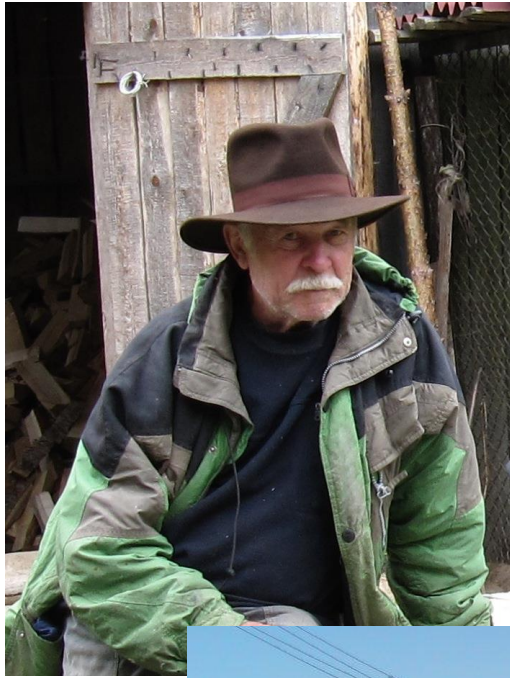
- Life in Ingrian villages was different from the life of Russian peasants in the same region. Their homes, wedding traditions and traditional entertainment resemble more archaic traditions of Finland which were already forgotten by Finns in the 19th century but survived in Ingrian villages.

AGRICULTURE



- In agriculture Ingrians were closer to Russian peasants. They used the same methods and grew the same plants. Russian agriculture of that time was more progressive and had a positive influence.

INGRIANS NOW: POIKIMO, A VEPSIAN VILLAGE



SUMMARY

	The basic features
language	The origin of Ingrian dialects presents dialects of Finnish language. Ingrian dialects are closest to the south-eastern dialects. Finnish influence was in intonation and in the word order. Also Ingrians are characterized by borrowings from the Russian language.
lifestyle	Ingrian lifestyle was similar to Finnish, but also there were some similarities with Russian, for example similar was agriculture and livestock.
folklore	Ingrians told different Finnish fairy tales, legends, proverbs and from Russia they got short songs, named «chastushka».
costume	The costume of Ingrians was similar with Finnish and if we compare Russian and Ingrian costume we can see that Russian clothes were more elegant and graceful and we can suppose that Ingrian women borrowed some fashions of skirts and hats.