

Igor' Tale Structure

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- I. Invocation
- II. Prince Igor' prepares his campaign
- III. The Omens
- IV. The First Day of Battle
- V. The Second Day of Battle: The Victory of the Kumans
- VI. Censure of the Princes' Feuds
- VII. The Russian Defeat
- VIII. The Author's Laments
- IX. The Dearm of Prince Svjatoslav of Kiev¹
- X. The Bard Appeals to the Russian Princes
 - The Appeal to Vladimir, Son of Gleb²
 - The Appeal to Vsevolod, Prince of Suzdal³
 - The Appeal to Princes Rurik and David⁴
 - The Appeal to Prince Jaroslav of Galič⁵
 - The Appeal to Princes Roman of Volynja and Mstislav of Grodno⁶
 - The Appeal to Mstislav's Sons
 - Evocation of Prince Izjaslav's Death in the Battle of Gorodec⁷
 - The Appeal to Prince Jaroslav of Černigov and Vseslav's Heirs⁸
 - The Evocation of Prince Vseslav the Sorcerer
- XI. Igor's Wife, Jaroslavna, Daughter of Prince Jaroslav of Galič, Laments on the Walls of Putivl
- XII. Prince Igor' Flees from Kuman Captivity
- XIII. Igor' Speaks with the River Donec
- XIV. The Kuman Khans Pursue Igor'
- XV. Apodosis

¹ Svjatoslav Vsevolodovič III, ruled in Kiev 1177–94

² Perejaslavl'. d. 1187 of wounds sustained in battle against Kumans.

³ Vsevolod Jur'evič III (Bol'shoe gnezdo) of Suzdal'

⁴ Rurik of Belgorod and Černigov (d. 1215) and David of Smolensk (d. 1198), sons of Rostislav Mstislavič I (d. 1168).

⁵ Jaroslav Volodimirkovič of Galič (d. 1187), father of Euphrosyne, Igor's wife.

⁶ Roman Mstislavovič of Galič (d. 1205) and Mstislav Jaroslavovič of Persopnic (d. 1224), both grandsons of Izjaslav Mstislavovič II (d. 1154).

⁷ Izjaslav Vasilkovič (d. 1162), son of Vasilko Rogvolodovič of Polock

⁸ Jaroslav Vsevolodovič of Černigov (d. 1198), son of Vsevolod II (d. 1146). Vseslav Brjačislavovič I (d. 1101) of Polock, briefly prince of Kiev in 1068, considered to have been a sorcerer.