

# Russia's Past

## DO NOW

Take out a sheet of paper and put your name, today's date, and class period on it. I need you to write me two paragraphs about the Russian history we covered the last two days in class. You may use your notes if needed.

(Normal grading requirements for your writings)

**Paragraph one:** Tell me about at least two Tsar's and something that they did or were known for during their rule. Describe life as a serf and what role they played in ending the Tsar's rule in Russia.

**Paragraph two:** Tell me about how Russia changed from a Monarchy into the Soviet Union. Explain important figures/leaders during this time and any "key" events that occurred. Explain The Soviet Union and United States relationship throughout this time period.

# The New Russia & Independent Republics

## Chapter #9

# From Communism to Free Enterprise

Chapter 9

Section 1

# Free Market Economy

- People, rather than gov't, decide what goods and services to produce, how to produce, & who will buy them

# Russia's Economic Regions

- Moscow
  - Political & cultural center
  - Shift from heavy to light industry (ex. Clothing, electronics)
- Port Cities: Kaliningrad & St. Petersburg
  - Kaliningrad-only port that stays ice-free year-round
  - Other port cities: Murmansk, Vladivostok
- Siberia
  - Largest mineral supply in Russia
  - Hard to tap into resources because of harsh climate
- Volga River/Urals
  - Volga carries almost 1/2 of Russia's river traffic
  - Russia's most productive farmland
  - Ural Mountains rich in minerals

# Environmental Issues

- Although Russians are moving toward a free market economy, they must balance making profit with protecting the environment
  - Nuclear Power Plants are in decay; leads to nuclear waste
  - Air Pollution from factories led to lower life expectancy
  - Water Pollution from poor sewer system, chemical weapons plants (from Cold War) & other sources

# Russia's People & Culture

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Section 2

# Politics

- Russia is a democracy
  - *Democracy: people elect their leaders*
- Russia is a federal republic
  - *Federal Republic: power divided between national & state gov't with president*
- Democracy dramatically different from Communism:
  - Leaders must follow same laws as regular people
  - Leaders must accept criticism from people



# Ethnic Challenges

- *Majority Group*: Russians, descendants of Slavs, are largest group
- *Minority Group*: 100 ethnic groups

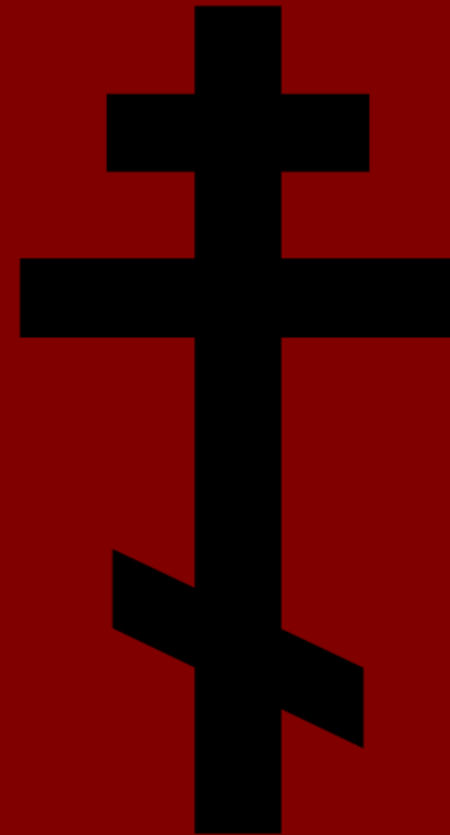
Majority group controls more wealth & power.



Chechnya, has experienced fighting over the years because the Chechen people want to form their own country.

# Daily Life

- Urban (city areas) are large & modern
- Development of suburbs as people move outside city limits
- 70 percent of population is Russian Orthodox
  - Other religions: Muslims, Roman Catholic, etc.



The leader of the Russian Orthodox Church is the Patriarch.

# Russian Culture

- Stories passed down orally: *skazki*
- *War & Peace* by Leo Tolstoy: Russia's defeat of Bonaparte & France
- Peter Tchaikovsky composed *The Nutcracker* ballet



The Hermitage Museum, built by Catherine the Great, holds art work from around the world.

# The Republics Emerge

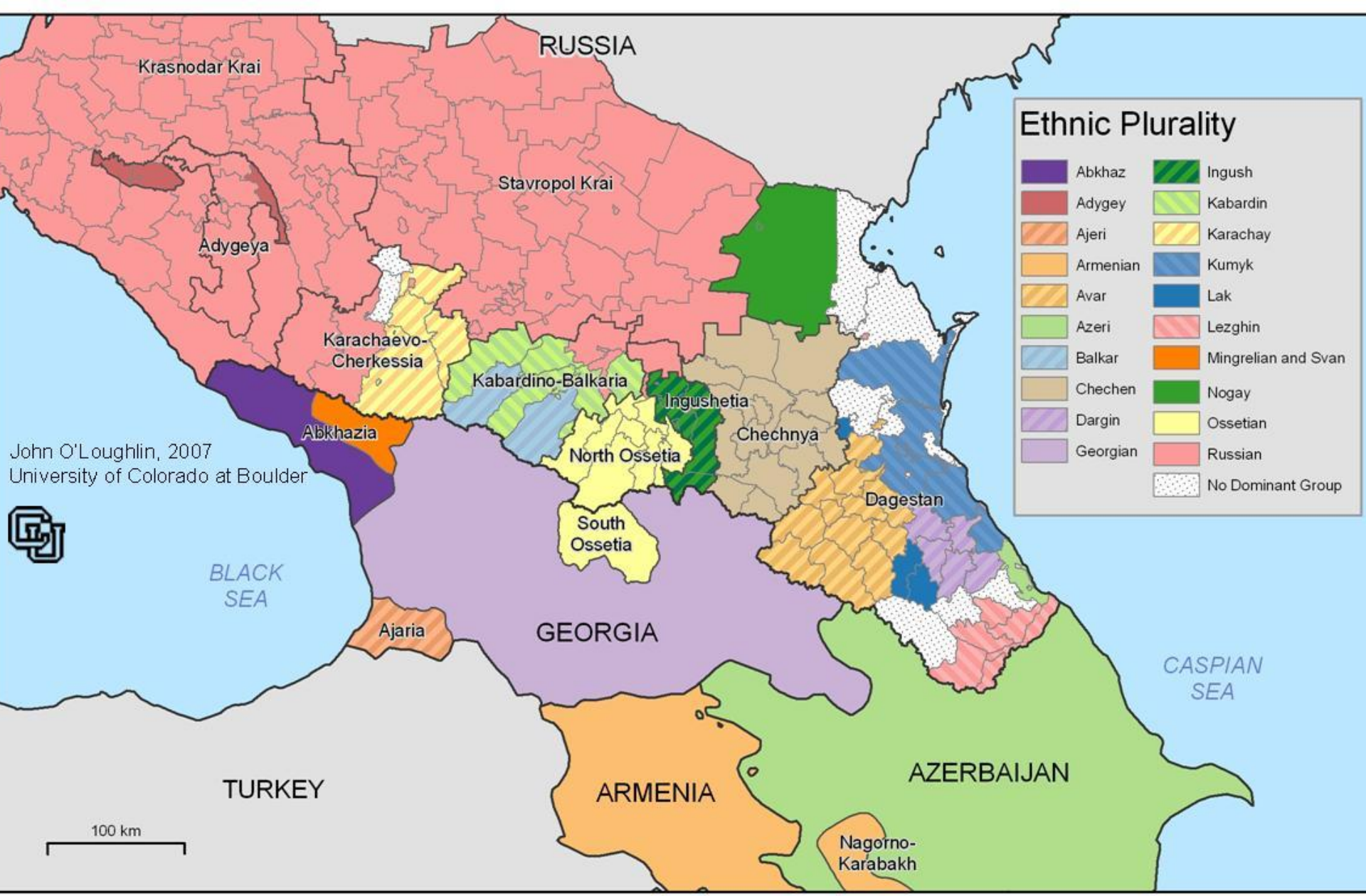
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Section 3

# Geography

- South of Russia
- Republics of Central Asia
  - East of Caspian Sea
  - Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
- Republics of the Caucasus
  - Located between Caspian Sea and Black Sea
  - Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia





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# Commonwealth of Independent States - Central Asian States



# Republics of the Caucasus

- Armenia
  - First country to make Christianity official religion
  - Capital, Yerevan, is one of world's oldest (founded in 782 BC)



# Republics of the Caucasus

- Azerbaijan
  - Split in half by Armenia
- Georgia
  - Resorts located along the Black Sea



# Central Asian Republics

- Kazakhstan
  - Largest
  - Formerly nomads until Soviet gov't forced to settle
- Uzbekistan
  - Most live in fertile valleys & oases
  - World's largest producer of cotton producer
- Turkmenistan
  - World's largest reserves of natural gas
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan