

Russia and its History

1. How does Russia rank in size among the world's countries?
2. The vast, rolling treeless plain north of the Arctic Circle is _____.
3. Russia is spread across the continents of _____ and _____.
4. During czarist Russia, _____ could be bought and sold along with the land.
5. Who was the Czar-Liberator that freed the serfs in 1861?
6. In the late 1400s, Ivan III made Muscovy stronger when he drove out the _____.
7. The first Russian civilization is known as the _____.
8. Because Russia has not addressed pollution, the population has grown _____ healthy.
9. About what fraction of Russia's population lives in cities?
10. The region that holds the largest supply of minerals in Russia is _____.

11. Place the following events on the timeline

800s	_____
1000s	_____
1200s	_____
1480	_____
1500s	_____
1700s	_____
1812	_____
1861	_____
1991	_____

- Mongols invade and gain control of Kiev. The power and wealth of Kiev decline.
- Czar Ivan IV, known as Ivan the Terrible, rules with the help of his secret police.
- Slavs build Kievan Rus, a civilization based around Kiev.
- The Soviet Union no longer exists
- Ivan III frees the territory from the Mongols.
- Kievan Rus enjoys prosperous trade with western European countries.
- Peter the Great Dies
- Napoleon Bonaparte invades Russia

12. How long did the Mongols rule over Russia?
13. Ivan the IV used violence and terror to keep the people of Russia in line. He would become known as _____.
14. The term tsar, or czar, is a Russian reference to what ruler?
15. The dictator of the Soviet Union in the late 1920s until after World War II was _____.
16. Who was the mystic monk that became an advisor to Tsar Nicholas II?
17. How many female Romanov czars were there?
18. For how many years did Peter the Great rule Russia?
19. When was Catherine the Great czar of Russia?
20. Who was the last of the Romanov czars?