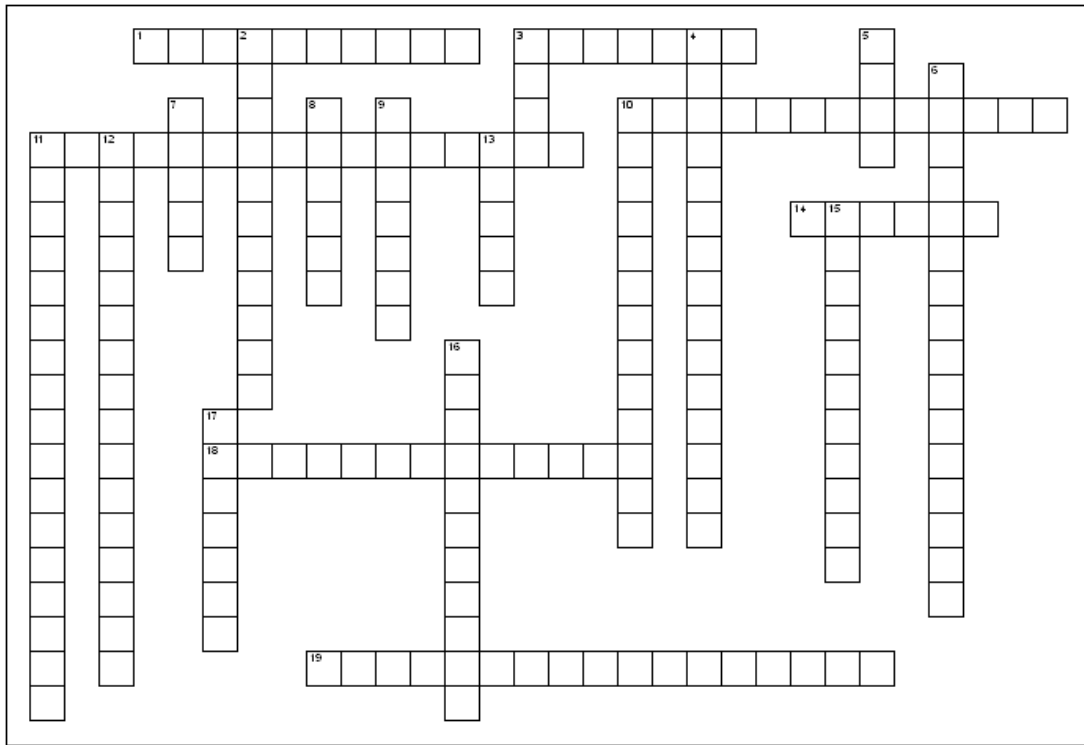


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World Geography

Russia

Instructions: Complete the crossword puzzle. Use the clues to help identify the words.



Across

1. a radical Russian Communist group that seized power in 1917
3. a form of the Greek alphabet
10. leader of the Bolsheviks; first leader of the Soviet Union
11. the government owns all the property and controls all aspects of life
14. fierce Mongol invaders from Central Asia who conquered Kiev in the 1200s
18. Russian czar who modernized (or Westernized) the country; built a navy; acquired access to a warm water port; and built a new capital on the banks of the Neva River called St. Petersburg
19. overthrow (and execution) of Czar Nicholas II by the Bolsheviks in 1917

Down

2. also known as the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics (USSR); created by the communists after the Russian Revolution
3. a Russian emperor
4. Ivan IV, cruel ruler of Russia during the 1500s; first to call himself czar
5. farm laborers who were bought and sold with the land
6. Russia's most famous composer, his works include The Nutcracker and the 1812 Overture
7. a soviet labor camp
8. vast, grassy plains in southern Russia
9. the period, after World War II, of tense rivalry between the Soviet Union and the United States
10. has been either president or prime minister of Russia since 1999. He has undertaken several aggressive actions as Russia's leader. Most notably in Chechnya (1999), Georgia (2008) and Ukraine (2014)
11. Empress of Russia for 34 years (1762-1796); favored reform, especially in education and the arts
12. Soviet leader who began to make changes, less governmental control and more democracy
13. a forest of mainly evergreen trees covering much of Russia
15. Known as the Czar-Liberator, freed the serfs from being tied to the land
16. brutal and paranoid dictator of the Soviet Union; took over after Lenin's death in 1924
17. the first artificial satellite in space (1957); started the "Space Race"