

The Rise of Russia: Chapter 9 Section 2

Lesson Objectives

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Russian culture developed differently than Western Europe. (Geography)

1. **The Northern Forests-** provided lumber and animal furs but was too cold for farming.
2. **Ukraine-** a large fertile area of land where farmers settled.
3. **The Southern Steppe-** open, flat, treeless grasslands. Great for herding animals- nomads. Served as a highway for nomadic peoples to cross from Asia into Europe.
4. **Rivers** running from North to South provided transportation for people and goods. This linked Russia to the Byzantine Empire instead of Western Europe.

Byzantine Influence

- ✦ Russia was geographically close to the Byzantine Empire.
- ✦ Russian leaders chose the name tsar (“caesar”) to try and become the new Rome/Byzantine Empire.
- ✦ Adopted many aspects of Byzantine culture including:
 - ✦ Cyrillic Alphabet
 - ✦ Orthodox Christianity

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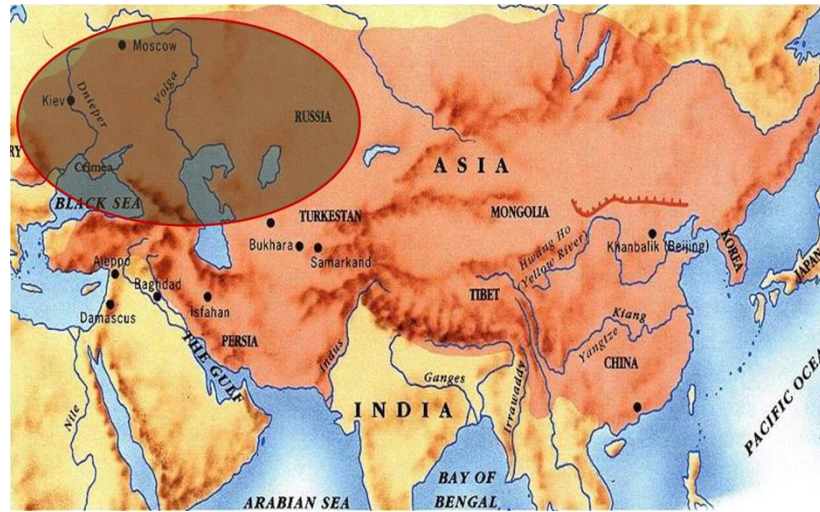
- ✦ The Mongols, a nomadic people from Asia conquered most of Asia and began moving across the steppe into Europe.
- ✦ Became known as the “Golden Horde” for the color of their tents.
- ✦ Ruled Russia for 150 years.
- ✦ As long as **tribute** was paid the Mongols let the Russians live in peace.

The Mongols Exert Influence

- ✦ The Mongols converted to Islam but tolerated the Russian Orthodox Church (Christian).
- ✦ Mongol rule brought peace which allowed for trade to increase in Russia.

- ✦ The Mongol leaders exerted absolute power. Later Russian rulers would use this as a model for their own rule.
- ✦ Mongol rule cut Russia off from Western Europe. (isolated)

Mongol Empire Including Russia



139. Explain how Ivan the Great and Ivan the Terrible established authoritarian power.

- ✦ Mongol power slowly declined.
- ✦ Russian princes gained more power and Moscow became the center of Russian culture.
- ✦ These princes defeated the Mongols in 1380 and greatly reduced Mongol power in the region.

Ivan the Great

- ✦ Ivan III became known as Ivan the Great.
- ✦ Between 1462 and 1505 he brought much of Russia under his control.
- ✦ He limited the power of the **boyars**, nobles.
- ✦ He ruled with absolute power.
- ✦ Ivan adopted Byzantine culture and declared himself the **tsar**, Russian word meaning “Caesar”.

Ivan the Terrible

- ✦ In 1547, Ivan IV, Ivan the Great’s grandson, became the first Russian ruler officially crowned the tsar.
- ✦ He further limited the power of the boyars.
- ✦ Forced Russian peasants to become serfs.
- ✦ He ruled with extreme brutality hence his name Ivan the Terrible.
- ✦ **Oprichniki**- mounted horsemen in black robes used to silence enemies.