**Russia & the Republics - Top Ten Notes Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1. Russia’s Size**

* Russia is the largest country in the world at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ square miles
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is 3,718,711 square miles
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is 3,855,103 square miles
* Covers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ different time zones

**2. Bodies of Water**

* The Caspian Sea – saltwater lake, largest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sea in the world
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sea – saltwater lake, decreasing in size (we will get to this later!)
* Lake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – deepest lake in the world (more than 1 mile deep), 20% of the world’s freshwater, home to the world’s only freshwater \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Natural Resources**

* Why is it difficult to remove resources from the ground in Russia & transport them to markets?
* Many located in the frigid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & subarctic region of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Businesses find it difficult to attract \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to this severe region
* Temperatures rarely above 50°F & sometimes drop below \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_°F
* “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” – when you exhale, your breath freezes into crystals that fall to the ground and make a noise

**4. Human/Environment Interaction – The Shrinking Aral Sea**

* Between 1960 & the present the Aral Sea has lost about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_% of its water
* Why??
* 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ feed into the Aral – Amu Darya & Syr Darya
* In the 1950’s, of government began to take large amounts of water from the rivers to irrigate Central Asia’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fields
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ flowing into the Aral slowed to a trickle
* The sea began to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Effects of Agriculture

* Cotton growers used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & fertilizers
* Runoff carried the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the rivers that feed the Aral
* Of the 24 native species once found in the sea, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are left today

Health Effects of the Aral Sea

* Retreating waters exposed fertilizers, pesticides, & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ picked up deposits and dumped them on nearby population
* Led to an increase in diseases – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cancer & respiratory diseases

Saving the Aral

* To keep the lake at its present levels they would have to remove 9 of the 18 million \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that are now used for farming
* How would this affect the farmers?
* If nothing is done, the Aral could be gone in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.
* What is the solution?

**5. World War I**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the last czar, led his country into this world war, unprepared and unorganized. He had bad generals and was plagued by problems at home and was controlled by Rasputin.
* Many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ died unnecessarily because of these factors.
* In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the white revolution began, the whites wanted to set up a form of democracy.
* Pulled out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* By October the Bolsheviks, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, had taken power and a Civil war ensued.

**6. Soviet Union Formed**

* By 1921, the Bolsheviks had won the civil war. Led by Vladimir \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The next year they set up the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or the Soviet Union
* By the mid 1920’s a new leader had come to power, Joseph \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Stalin ruled from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* He made the Soviet Union into an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Power, and a world power.
* He deported many millions of Russians sending them to labor camps in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where most died.

**7. World War II**

* During World War II, because of poor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and under trained troops, millions of Russians died unnecessarily.
  + The USSR was the main reason that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ won the war
* Most Historians agree that during Stalin’s reign a whole generation was killed, from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, deportations, and WWII.

**8. Cold War**

* After WWII, a Cold War ensued between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the United States.
  + It was an ideological war - was fought through other smaller countries.
* The war peaked in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and was over by the end of the 1980’s.

**9. The Shift to Democracy**

* In 1985, Mikhail \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ took power, had many reforms.
* By 1990, countries started breaking of the USSR, and forming their own independent states
* In 1991, the Soviet Union had free \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Boris \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was elected and helped create a free Capitalistic Democracy
* Today, the current president is Dmitry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**10. Culture**

* Language - Throughout Soviet period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the official language taught at all schools in the Soviet Union
* Today hundreds of languages are spoken, most having either a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or Turkish background.
* Population - Russia and the Republics have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million people
* The population of Russia and Eurasia has remained fairly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the past decade

Religion

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Mainly Eastern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – second largest religious following in the region
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Many Jews have lived throughout this region over time, but through pogroms and other forms of persecutions, many have moved.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - the large number of people in this group is due to the fact that under Soviet rule religion was outlawed.