

Study Guide: Northern Eurasia

Key Topics to Review:

1. Early Russia

- Who were the first groups to settle in the region?
- How did the **Vikings** influence the Slavs and create **Kievan Rus**?
- What religion did Kievan Rus adopt?

2. Mongol Rule & Moscow's Rise

- What empire conquered Russia in the 1200s?
- How did Moscow gain power under Mongol rule?
- Who was **Ivan III (Ivan the Great)**, and what did he do?

3. Ivan the Terrible

- Why is **Ivan IV (Ivan the Terrible)** remembered?
- What happened to Russia after Ivan's death?

4. Peter and Catherine the Great

- How did **Peter the Great** modernize Russia?
- What city did he build as a "Window to the West"?
- How did **Catherine the Great** expand Russia's influence?

5. The Crimean War & The Charge of the Light Brigade

- What happened in the **Crimean War**?
- What mistake led to the Charge of the Light Brigade?
- Why do some see it as bravery and others as bad leadership?

6. The Romanov Family & The Russian Revolution

- Why was life difficult for most people under the Romanovs?
- What were the four major causes of the **Russian Revolution**?
- Who was **Rasputin**, and why did people fear him?
- What happened to Tsar Nicholas II and his family?

7. The Rise of Communism & The Soviet Union

- Who led the Bolsheviks during the **1917 Revolution**?

- What kind of government did Lenin create?
- What was **communism**, and how did it change Russian society?

8. Stalin's Rule & The Cold War

- How did Stalin control the Soviet Union?
- What was the **Great Purge**?
- What was the **Cold War**, and why did it happen?

9. The Fall of the Soviet Union

- What were **Glasnost** and **Perestroika**?
- What happened in **1991** to the Soviet Union?

10. Russia Today: Putin, Crimea, and Ukraine

- What happened in **2014** with Crimea?
- What happened in **2022** with Ukraine?