



ABSOLUTE RULERS OF RUSSIA

GOALS:

- ANALYZE DIFFERENT ABSOLUTE RULERS OF RUSSIA AND ANALYZE WHETHER THEY WERE OVERALL GOOD OR BAD RULERS

WHAT'S DIFFERENT IN RUSSIA?

	Russia	Western Europe
Labor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Serfs are property•Cannot leave the land•Are bought and sold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Won freedom during ren/ref•Moved to cities
Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Orthodox Christian	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Catholics & Protestants
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Isolated•Few seaports – none warm water	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Trade & political connections are easily made

IVAN III (THE GREAT)





- Ivan III
 - Centralizes the Russian government
 - Gets rid of Mongol rule

VASILY III

- Continues to expand Russia



IVAN IV (THE TERRIBLE)



- Absolute ruler
- Takes throne at 3
- Fighting between the boyars (nobles) about controlling Ivan
- At 16 Ivan takes over and crowns himself Czar

GOOD PERIOD 1547-1560

- Added land to Russia
- Created code of laws
- Ruled justly



 *The Rise of Russia. Russia grew through the addition of large units of territory comprising millions of square acres.*

THE BAD PERIOD 1560+

- First wife dies (he has 8 total)
- Blames boyars – said they tried to poison her
- Created a secret police force to execute traitors
- Killed eldest son during a fight in 1581

IVAN THE TERRIBLE AND TORTURE

- ⦿ Tortured and executed thousands of people
- ⦿ Once had an entire city killed because a few people planned an uprising
- ⦿ Ivan tortured people himself

- ⦿ He came up with elaborate types of torture:
- ⦿ Burning people alive in a huge pot of water
- ⦿ Frying people to death
- ⦿ Tearing off their limbs

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- Ivan dies a few years later
 - All heirs to the throne keep mysteriously dying
 - Leaders from Russia gather to choose next Czar

ROMONOV'S



- Michael Romanov starts the Romanov dynasty
- Strengthened government
- Enforced laws
- Put down revolts

PETER THE GREAT R. 1682-1725



WHEN HE TAKES OVER ...

- Serfs were still property – could be used to pay debts
- Western Europe is some mysterious land full of sinners (non Orthodox people)
- Russia missed the renaissance and reformation
- Foreigners had to live in their own section of the city

PETER

- Loved all things Western Europe
- Visited the foreign quarters of the city
- Was Fascinated with modern machinery
- Goes on a Grand Tour of Europe

PETER WANTS TO

- Westernize Russia

OBSTACLES IN PETER'S WAY

- People wouldn't change
- Russian Orthodox Church
- Boyars
- Cost

PETER'S SOLUTION - FORCE

- Takes over the Russian Orthodox Church
- Limited the power of the Boyars
- Hired Europeans to run his army
- Has a standing army of 200,000
- Instituted heavy taxes

INSTITUTES:

- The Potato (becomes staple in Russian Diet)
- A newspaper (edits it himself)
- Required women to attend social gatherings (elevating their status in Russia)
- Ordered Nobles to dress like the west
- Added schools for arts, sciences, navigation

WANTS TO BUILD A WESTERN CITY

- Starts a war with Sweden to get land on the Baltic Sea
- Builds St. Petersburg on swamp land 25,000-100,000 died while working



Complete this table in
your journals!

ABSOLUTIST LEADERS

LEADER/ RULED WHERE?	POSITIVE EFFECTS	NEGATIVE EFFECTS	OVERALL – WAS THIS LEADER GOOD OR BAD?
Ivan IV			
Peter I			

PETER THE GREAT DOCUMENTARY

- Watch the documentary
- Complete video worksheet as you watch.
 - True or False
 - If the statement is false, make sure you indicate what the correct statement is.