APPEARANCES IN THE AP CURRICULUM:
- Peasant Labor intensified in many regions (FRONTIER SETTLEMENTS in SIBERIAN RUSSIA)
- Land Empires expanded dramatically (Required Example: RUSSIAN EMPIRE)

AND, THAT’S IT. SO, IF YOU FIND YOURSELF SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME HERE, YOU ARE. YOU’RE BETTER OFF LOOKING AT THE MANCHUS, MUGHALS, & OTTOMANS. BEYOND PETER THE GREAT, THERE JUST ISN’T MUCH TO SEE HERE… MOVE ALONG.

TIMELINE
- 988 CE VLADIMIR I CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY ON HIS WEDDING DAY
- 1480 CE IVAN III EXPELS THE MONGOLS FROM RUSSIA AT THE UGRA RIVER
- 1613 CE MICHAEL CROWNED FIRST ROMANOV TSAR ENDING THE TIME OF TROUBLES
- 1697 CE PETER THE GREAT SENDS HIS GRAND EMBASSY TO THE WEST
- 1237 CE MONGOLS SET FIRE TO MOSCOW. IT’S KINDA THEIR THING
- 1533 CE IVAN IV (the TERRIBLE) BECOMES TSAR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS
- 1682 CE PETER THE GREAT BECOMES THE TSAR OF RUSSIA
- 1703 CE ST. PETERSBURG FOUNDED BY PETER THE GREAT

PEOPLE TO KNOW
- IVAN III 1440-1505 ‘GATHERER OF THE RUSSIAN LANDS’; HE TRIPLED THE EMPIRE & EXPELLED THE MONGOLS
- IVAN IV 1530-1584 FIRST TSAR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS, HE VASTLY EXPANDED THE EMPIRE.
- MICHAEL I 1596-1645 REUNITED RUSSIA UNDER THE ROMANOV FAMILY AFTER THE TIME OF TROUBLES.
- PETER THE GREAT 1672-1725 THE MOST IMPORTANT EARLY MODERN RUSSIAN. FOCUS ON HIM.
**WHAT IS RUSSIA?**

- It's the largest country on Earth
  - 6.5 million square miles
  - 1/8 of the Earth's surface
- But, where did Russia come from?
  - Originally a Slavic area
  - Settled two different areas:
    - Novgorod & Kiev
  - Kievans set up by Northern European named Rurik
  - Kievans peaked under Vladimir
  - Converted to Christianity
  - Russian Clovis/Constantine
  - Kievans dissolved when the Golden Horde arrived in 1270
  - Tatars (literally, "people from hell") was the name given to the Mongols
  - Moscow emerged as the primary Russian duchy (territory of a Duke)
  - Allied with the Tatars

**FRONTIER SETTLEMENTS IN SIBERIA**

- Don't think Siberia is just barren
- They have a very valuable commodity to early modern Europeans: Sables
- Frontiersmen could gain fortune as sable hats were signs of status in Europe
- Many mining communities were built
- These frontiersmen were largely on their own with no help from anyone
- Similar to American pioneers in the West
- Tsars offered free land as incentive

**WESTERNIZED RUSSIA**

- Led the grand embassy west
- Initially meant to strengthen alliances with European allies
- Against the Ottoman Empire
- Peter traveled incognito
- Famous stops:
  - Prussia: Court of Frederick
  - Netter: Dutch East India Co.
  - England: Mint & building of Manch
- Returned & modernized Russia:
  - Style, church, gender, militar

**BUILT ST. PETERSBURG**

- Massive Russia had no warm water port = no Navy
- Won Great Northern War against Sweden to get the land
  - Built on a swamp
  - Took years to finish
  - 10,000+ serfs died in constr.
- 1712: Became the capital
- Looks more like Vienna than Moscow or Novgorod
- Capital until Russian Revolut.

**REIGN OF IVAN III**

(aka Ivan the Great)

- Grand prince of Moscow
- Refused to pay the tribute to the Mongol Horde
- Married the niece of the last Byzantine Emperor
- Began claims of being the Third Rome

**REIGN OF IVAN IV**

(aka Ivan the Terrible)

- Grandson of Ivan III
- 1st to be Tsar (Caesar)
- Same as king, emperor, Khan, etc.
- Ruled by divine right
- Terrible: Beat his pregnant daughter-in-law & killed his son (heir).
  - Poisoned while playing chess (allegedly)

**TIME OF TROUBLES**

(aka Ivan the Terrible)

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**PETER THE GREAT**

- Westernized Russia
- Built St. Petersburg
- Expanded Russia

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**EXPANDED RUSSIA**

- Peter did not gain the huge land amounts of his predecessors
- Signed treaty with China (Nerchinsk)
- Gained Kieff, St. Pete, Black Sea port of Taganrag (1st navy)