

World Geography
Chapters 18 and 20

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Class Period ____ Assignment #

Ch. 18: Read pages 372-385 and answer the following questions.

Historical Overview

1. Name 4 ancient groups who moved through present-day Eastern Europe.
2. Which religion did Byzantine missionaries bring to the area?
3. Which religion did Arabs bring by A.D. 644?
4. Read "The Growth of Empires." What effects do you think having multiple empires in control would have on a region like Central Europe and Northern Eurasia?

5. What event led to the establishment of the Soviet Union?
6. Define communism:
7. How did the fall of communism in 1991 affect Europe?



8. The physical landscape is _____ in the west and rises higher towards the _____ and _____.
9. What body of water does the Danube empty into?
10. What makes Lake Baikal in Siberia unique?
11. Using the map on page 375, name the mountain range that runs through Poland, Ukraine, and Romania.
12. Describe the climate in Russia.
13. Define: (1 pt. each)
 - Tundra-
 - Taiga-
 - Steppe-
 - Multiethnic-
 - Acid rain-

Ch. 20: Russia. Read pages 415-431 and answer the following questions.

14. Define: (1 pt. each)

Chernozem-

Permafrost-

15. What mountain range forms the border between Europe from Asia?

16. What would happen if buildings were built directly on the tundra?

17. Russia (includes Siberia) has more natural resources than any other country, so why isn't Russia the richest country in the world?

18. Explain why Czars were successful in expanding the borders of Russia.

19. Why was Russia considered "backwards" in comparison to Western Europe and the United States?

20. Define: (1 pt. each)

Abdicated-

Soviet-

Command economy-

21. Whose teachings were the Russian revolution based upon?

22. In 1940, which countries were annexed by the Soviet Union?

23. What were the downfalls of the Soviet system?

24. What is a state or collective farm?

25. What do we define as the "Cold War?"

26. How did *glasnost* change life in the Soviet Union?

27. Describe how *perestroika* changed the economy of the Soviet Union?

28. Why is there resistance from Chechnya to join with Russia?

29. Why are railroads the most common form of transportation of goods and people in Russia?

30. Name 4 problems that Russia is dealing with after the fall of communism.

