

Regional Outline for Eastern Europe

	8000 – 600 CE	600 – 1450 CE	1450-1750 CE	1750 – 1914 CE	1914 - Present
Politics	Religion based Hierarchical system Delegation of responsibility Bureaucratic codification 6 th century Justinian rule – restore Rome	Mongol invasion 1237-1241 - Russia divided into small kingdoms Tartars control - left day to day control to locals	Ivan III/IV - Free from Mongols – 1480 Empire expanded eastward Russia – centralization of authority Peter the Great – St. Petersburg as capital Parliamentary government Secret police First Russian navy	Russia – tsar continued to be all powerful Prussia – remained militaristic and authoritarian Duma created, but no real power Local rulers – zemstvos regulate roads, schools Military officers based on meritocracy	Tsarist regime falls apart Army in full retreat USSR formed – collapses following cold war Soviet troops occupy all of eastern Europe Gorbachev tries to reform frees E. European nations updated authoritarian structure in reality
Economy	Byzantine empire Most important western terminal of the Silk Road Constantinople located on important trade routes	Trade lapsed under Tartars North-south commerce never returned Moscow – trade, tribute collector Most part, remained agricultural Trades with nomadic people	Key economy bound to agriculture Devalued merchant class Limited commercial exchange Systemized tax system Metallurgy and mining Economics funded military	Backward position in trade Exported some grain to W. Europe Trade deficit lessened by increasing serf output, not improving industry - realizes the need to industrialize But still doesn't want to be materialistic	COMECON Economies nationalized Collectivization under state planned control Soviet welfare system Focus on heavy industry Lenin's New economic policy Russia-five year plan
Social Class/Gender	Serfdom began in Middle Age Original sin devalues women	Influx of Jews Monogamy replaced polygamy Fairly free farmers Boyars-aristocrats-less political power	Feudalism Peter the Great encourages serfdom Women and nobles forced to dress in western fashions Men shaved beards – denial of Mongol tradition Power to upper class women	Emancipating serfs 1861 -but most indebted, life doesn't improve Increased literacy Some upper class women have access to new careers Pogroms against Jews	Muslim population growth Lenin's New Economic Policy gave freedom to small businesses, peasant landowners – more power Education started to spread – literacy
Science Inventions			Focus on Serfs-cheap labor force impeded invention or new scientific ideas John Desaguliers builds first steam engine outside England	Western machinery imported Outdated agricultural methods – hard to compete Mendel and some peas, Pavlov and his dog	Cold War – Arms race, space race Scientists highly respected Research heavily funded Direction/research determined by government – want applied science
Art/Architecture	Hagia Sophia Mosaic Religion based	Ornate churches Icons, illuminated manuscripts Religious art vs. local music, street performers & theater	Not part of Renaissance due to illiterate Mongols Architecture of city done by serfs Romanov Policy - Italian artists/architects to work on churches/palaces	Beginning of some arts flourish -Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, Tchaikovsky Nationalist pride through dictionaries, histories, folktales, music	Art-attacked western style Classical arts Literature walked line of angering government – still discussed patriotism/Russian
Empire	Byzantine Empire	Kievan Rus could not replicate Byzantine Kievan decline – rival princes set up regional governments Rapid decline of Byzantium	Connection to Byzantine Empire - married niece of emperor Expansion – fought Ottoman Empire Fall of Byzantine Empire (1453)		
Religion	Animist – gods of sun, thunder, wind and fire	Vladimir I convert to Christianity forced conversion Splendor of Orthodox religious ceremonies Religion allowed to have vernacular languages	Orthodox Christianity moved to Moscow Romanov family – state control over Russian Orthodox Church	Russification – all Russians had to convert to Orthodoxy	Soviet schools taught religion as myth under Stalin No church service to under 18