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Ch. 18 Reading Guide: The Rise of Russia

*Russia’s Expansionist Politics Under the Tsars*

1. From whom did Russia gain its independence? How was Russia able to maintain its values and traditions throughout its subjugation?
2. Describe the military recruitment system established by Russian tsars, including its impact on peasants.
3. Describe the main objectives of Russian tsars, including Ivan the Terrible, and the primary methods used to achieve these goals.
4. What two groups of Russians settled in newly acquired territories? Why?
5. Why was Russia eager to develop contacts with western Europe? What types of contacts did they develop?
6. What Russian family rose to power after the Time of Troubles? As a result of Russia’s continuing expansion, what other large empire did it neighbor?
7. What was the relationship between church and state under Romanov rule?
8. How did Romanov tsars treat serfs?

*Russia’s First Westernization, 1690-1790*

1. What aspects of Western society did Peter the Great deliberately imitate?
2. How did Russia benefit by extending its borders to the Baltic Sea? Where did Peter relocate the Russian capital?
3. What economic developments did Peter emphasize?
4. How were upper-class women treated beginning with Peter the Great, and what were they encouraged to do? What accounted for this change? How were female peasants viewed and treated?
5. Why did Peter force nobles to shave their beards and wear Western clothing?
6. In what ways was Russian imitation of Europe **selective**?
7. How did peasants respond to westernization? Why? Why were some of the elites resistant to westernization?
8. What were Catherine the Great’s two primary goals as empress? Was her approach to the West similar or different from Peter’s? Explain.
9. Looking at the map on page 410, approximately how much territory did Catherine and her successor add to Russia’s landholdings?

*Themes in Early Modern Russian History*

1. Why did the Russian government give total control to landowners over their serfs?
2. How was Russia’s serfdom system, which was essentially a form of slavery, different from slavery in other societies?
3. What typical social classes were essentially missing in Russia? Why?
4. Describe how Russia was economically subordinate to the West.
5. What demographic changes did Russia experience in this era?
6. Explain Russia’s failure to develop technological innovations in the early modern era.

1. What did Pugachev’s revolt demonstrate about peasant sentiments toward their situation?