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Russia: Land of the Tsars – Vol. 1, Part 1

*During Mongol control of the Rus’ (Russia), which lasted approximately 250 years, Russia had been largely isolated from developments in other regions. After gaining independence, Russian rulers focused on strengthening their society’s power and influence.*

1. What difficulties did Russia experience during the phase called the “Time of Troubles?”
2. What family gained control of Russia and would transform it into a world power? How long would this dynasty rule?
3. What happened to nobles who challenged the tsar?
4. What was given to nobles (boyars) who were loyal to the tsar?
5. As you watch the section on Peter the Great, describe his personality.
6. Why did Peter want to “westernize?”
7. What territorial prize was most important to Peter the Great? Why? What did he need to create in order to achieve this goal?
8. Why did Peter take a “European road trip?” Why did he disguise himself as a commoner while there?
9. List at least five things Peter learned while in Europe.
10. Why did Peter demand that boyars cut their beards and change their clothing styles?
11. What was the symbolism of Peter’s creation of St. Petersburg?
12. List at least four of Peter’s key achievements.
13. How did Peter treat his son Alexis, and what did this demonstrate about his goals?