

## The Expansion of Russia, 1500–1800



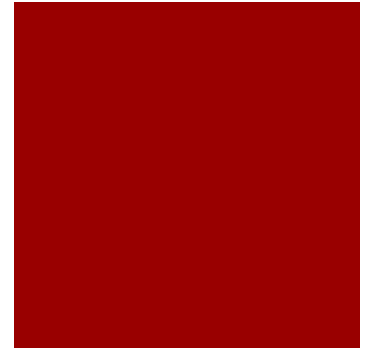
- What challenges might Russia face because of its location?
- Think about where its cities are located and what economic, social and political issues there may be.




# Russian Monarchs

# Key Players (Russia)

- Ivan the Terrible
- Peter the Great
- Catherine the Great



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- As we go through each slide today, take notes on what you think each monarch is most known for.
  - Also, what are their personality traits/characteristics?
  - Think about if they fit our list of expectations; be able to explain why or why not.
  - Again, I do not want you to write down every word on the slide. You should be able to summarize the information you hear.

# Ivan the Terrible



- First Russian ruler to take the title Czar
  - Meaning: emperor
- Boyars- Russia's landowning nobles
  - In competition with him for power
- 1547-1560 Ivan's "good period"
  - Added lands to Russia, gave a Russian code of law, and ruled justly.

# Ivan's "Bad Period"

- Begins in 1560 after Anastasia (wife) died.
  - Poisoned by the Boyars?
- Ivan's response
  - Secret police force
    - Hunt down and murder people who consider Ivan a traitor
  - He executes many Boyars, their families, and peasants who work on their land.
  - Takes the land and makes a new class of nobles who are loyal to him through fear.
- Killed his oldest son and heir during a violent quarrel

# Peter the Great

- Goal to “westernize” Russia
- Forced changes upon the Russians
- Established St. Petersburg as a warm water seaport
  - Benefits?
- Reforms
  - Read on Pages 176-177



# Peter the Great Westernizes Russia



- Russian Orthodox Church brought under state control
- Power of boyars reduced
- Recruited men from lower-ranking families and promoted them to positions of authority/gave them land
- Hired European officers to train Russia soldiers
- Changed the diet of the Russian people
- Started Russia's first newspaper
- Raised women's status
- Change from traditional Russian clothing to Western fashions
- Made men shave their beards
- Advanced education



# Catherine the Great (Catherine II)



- Enlightened monarch
- Reign: 1762-1796
  
- Read the works of philosophers.
- Absolute ruler who sought to reform Russia.
- Wanted religious toleration and abolishing torture or capital punishment
  - Was she successful? No.

# Evaluating Peter's Reforms

- What was Peter's motivation to make these changes?
- What were the benefits to the changes he made? Were they viewed as benefits at the time?
- Pg.177
- Answer Q's: 1,3-6

# Exit

- Pretend you are a Russian during the time of Peter's reign. Write a letter to Peter the Great regarding your thoughts of the reforms he has made to your country.

