

Rise of Russia 1

Geog. of Russia

- 4 Major zones
 - 1) Arctic shores: Tundra
 - Frozen soil
 - 2) Taiga: south of tundra
 - Forested plain
 - 3) Steppes: farther south
 - Treeless, grassy plain "Black Earth" region
 - 4) Desert: central Asia
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Russian Society

- ❑ Classes
 - ❑ Royal families (autocrats)
 - Did not get the Greek/Roman culture
 - ❑ Boyars (Warrior noble class)
 - ❑ Middle Class
(Merchants, manufacturers)
 - ❑ Lower Class (Laborers)
 - ❑ Serfs (peasants, almost slaves)
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Mongols

- ❑ Ruthless invaders
 - ❑ Took over Russia for 200 years
 - ❑ Massacred the people
 - ❑ Created a schism between Russia/West
 - ❑ Moscow became religious center
 - ❑ Mongols gave them too much power
 - ❑ Ivan III (Ivan the Great) refused to pay Mongols tribute
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