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1. Strengthen Weaken Chart
2. Louis XIV Packet

## **Absolutism in Russia**

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Agenda:

1. Absolutism in Russia Notes
2. Peter the Great Documentary

# Absolute Rulers of Russia

## Goals:

- Analyze different absolute rulers of Russia and analyze whether they were overall good or bad rulers

# What's Different in Russia?

	<b>Russia</b>	<b>Western Europe</b>
Labor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Serfs are property</li><li>•Cannot leave the land</li><li>•Are bought and sold</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Won freedom during ren/ref</li><li>•Moved to cities</li></ul>
Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Orthodox Christian</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Catholics &amp; Protestants</li></ul>
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Isolated</li><li>•Few seaports – none warm water</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Trade &amp; political connections are easily made</li></ul>

# Ivan III (the Great)





## ○ Ivan III

- Centralizes the Russian government
- Gets rid of Mongol rule

# Vasily III

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- Continues to expand Russia



# Ivan IV (the terrible)



- Absolute ruler
- Takes throne at 3
- Fighting between the boyars (nobles) about controlling Ivan
- At 16 Ivan takes over and crowns himself Czar

# Good Period 1547-1560

- Added land to Russia
- Created code of laws
- Ruled justly





# The bad period 1560+

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- **First wife**  
dies (he has 8 total)
- **Blames**  
boyars – said they tried to poison her
- **Created a**  
secret police force to execute traitors
- **Killed eldest**  
son during a fight in 1581

# Ivan the Terrible and Torture

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- Tortured and executed thousands of people
- Once had an entire city killed because a few people planned an uprising
- Ivan tortured people himself
  
- He came up with elaborate types of torture:
- Burning people alive in a huge pot of water
- Frying people to death
- Tearing off their limbs

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- ◎ Ivan dies a few years later
  - ◎ All heirs to the throne keep mysteriously dying
  - ◎ Leaders from Russia gather to choose next Czar

# Romonov's



- Michael Romanov starts the Romanov dynasty
- Strengthened government
- Enforced laws
- Put down revolts

# Peter the Great r.1682-1725

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# When he takes over . . .

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- ◉ Serfs were still property – could be used to pay debts
- ◉ Western Europe is some mysterious land full of sinners (non Orthodox people)
- ◉ Russia missed the renaissance and reformation
- ◉ Foreigners had to live in their own section of the city

# Peter

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- ◉ Loved all things Western Europe
- ◉ Visited the foreign quarters of the city
- ◉ Was Fascinated with modern machinery
- ◉ Goes on a Grand Tour of Europe

Peter wants to

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◎ **Westernize Russia**



# Obstacles in Peter's Way

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- ◎ People wouldn't change
- ◎ Russian Orthodox Church
- ◎ Boyars
- ◎ Cost

# Peter's Solution - force

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- Takes over the Russian Orthodox Church
- Limited the power of the Boyars
- Hired Europeans to run his army
- Has a standing army of 200,000
- Instituted heavy taxes

# Institutes:

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- ◎ The Potato (becomes staple in Russian Diet)
- ◎ A newspaper (edits it himself)
- ◎ Required women to attend social gatherings (elevating their status in Russia)
- ◎ Ordered Nobles to dress like the west
- ◎ Added schools for arts, sciences, navigation

# Wants to Build a Western City

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- Starts a war with Sweden to get land on the Baltic Sea
- Builds St. Petersburg on swamp land  
25,000-100,000 died while working



Complete this table  
in your journals!

# Absolutist Leaders

<b>LEADER/ RULED WHERE?</b>	<b>POSITIVE EFFECTS</b>	<b>NEGATIVE EFFECTS</b>	<b>OVERALL – WAS THIS LEADER GOOD OR BAD?</b>
Ivan IV			
Peter I			

# Peter the Great Documentary

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- Watch the documentary
- Complete video worksheet as you watch.
  - True or False
    - If the statement is false, make sure you indicate what the correct statement is.