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Absolutism in Russia

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?

	Russia	Western Europe
Labor	 Serfs are property Cannot leave the land Are bought and sold 	•Won freedom during ren/ref •Moved to cities
Religion	 Orthodox Christian 	•Catholics & Protestants
Geography	•Isolated •Few seaports – none warm water	•Trade & political connections are easily made

Ivan III (the Great)





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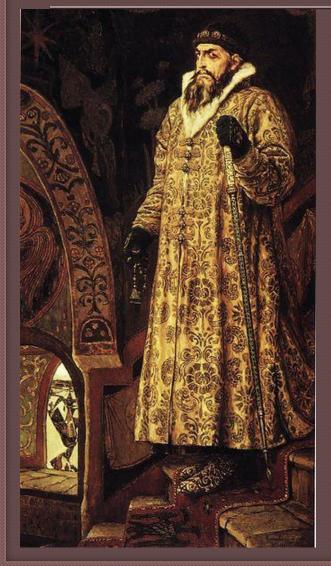
- Centralizes the Russian government
- Gets rid of Mongol rule



Ocontinues to expand Russia



Ivan IV (the terrible)



• Absolute ruler • Takes throne at 3 **•**Fighting between the boyars (nobles) about controlling Ivan Atl6 Ivan takes over
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 and crowns himself Czar

Good Period 1547-1560

 Added land to Russia
 Created code of laws
 Ruled justly



The bad period 1560+

•First wife dies (he has 8 total) **OBlames** boyars – said they tried to poison her

OCreated a secret police force to execute traitors **•Killed eldest** son during a fight in 1581

Ivan the Terrible and Torture

 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

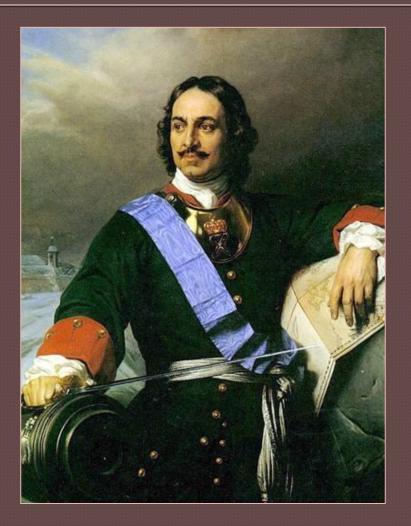
 Ivan dies a few years later
 All heirs to the throne keep mysteriously dying
 Leaders from Russia gather to choose next Czar

Romonov's



OMichael **Romanov starts** the Romanov dynasty Strengthened government OEnforced laws • Put down revolts

Peter the Great r.1682-1725



When he takes over . . .

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

Peter

OLoved 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

•Westernize Russia

Obstacles in Peter's Way

People wouldn't change
 Russian Orthodox Church
 Boyars
 Cost

Peter's Solution - force

•Takes over the Russian Orthodox Church **OLimited the power of the Boyars •**Hired Europeans to run his army •Has a standing army of 200,000 **oInstituted heavy taxes**

Institutes:

- 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

 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

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

Peter the Great Documentary

- 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.