Regional Outline for Eastern Europe

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|  | 8000 – 600 CE | 600 – 1450 CE | 1450-1750 CE | 1750 – 1914 CE | 1914 - Present |
| Politics | Religion basedHierarchal systemDelegation of responsibilityBureaucratic codification 6th century Justinian rule – restore Rome | Mongol invasion 1237-1241- Russia divided into small kingdomsTartars control- left day to day control to locals | Ivan III/IV -Free from Mongols – 1480Empire expanded eastwardRussia – centralization of authorityPeter the Great – St. Petersburg as capitalParliamentary governmentSecret policeFirst Russian navy | Russia – tsar continued to be all powerfulPrussia – remained militaristic and authoritarianDuma created, but no real powerLocal rulers – zemstvoes regulate roads, schoolsMilitary officers based on meritocracy | Tsarist regime falls apartArmy in full retreatUSSR formed – collapses following cold warSoviet troops occupy all of eastern Europe Gorbachev tries to reformfrees E. European nationsupdated authoritarian structure in reality |
| Economy | Byzantine empireMost important western terminal of the Silk RoadConstantinople located on important trade routs | Trade lapsed under TartarsNorth-south commerce never returnedMoscow – trade, tribute collectorMost part, remained agriculturalTrades with nomadic people | Key economy bound to agricultureDevalued merchant classLimited commercial exchangeSystemized tax systemMetallurgy and miningEconomics funded military | Backward position in tradeExported some grain to W. EuropeTrade deficit lessened by increasing serf output, not improving industry- realizes the need to industrializeBut sill doesn’t want to be materialistic | COMECONEconomies nationalizedCollectivization under state planned controlSoviet welfare systemFocus on heavy industry Lenin’s New economic policyRussia-five year plan |
| Social Class/Gender | Serfdom began in Middle AgeOriginal sin devalues women | Influx of jews Monogamy replaced polygamyFairly free farmersBoyars-aristocrats-less political power | FeudalismPeter the Great encourages serfdomWomen and nobles forced to dress in western fashionsMen shaved beards – denial of Mongol traditionPower to upper class women | Emancipating serfs 1861-but most indebted, life doesn’t improveIncreased literacySome upper class women have access to new careersPogroms against Jews | Muslim population growthLenin’s New Economic Policy gave freedom to small businesses, peasant landowners – more powerEducation started to spread – literacy |
| ScienceInventions |  |  | Focus on Serfs-cheap labor force impeded invention or new scientific ideasJohn Desarguliers builds first steam engine outside England | Western machinery importedOutdated agricultural methods – hard to competeMendel and some peas, Pavlov and his dog | Cold War – Arms race, space race Scientists highly respectedResearch heavily fundedDirection/research determined by government – want applied science |
| Art/Architecture | Hagia SophiaMosaicReligion based | Ornate churchesIcons, illuminated manuscriptsReligious art vs. local music, street performers & theater | Not part of Renaissance due to illiterate MongolsArchitecture of city done by serfsRomanov Policy - Italian artists/architects to work on churches/palaces | Beginning of some arts flourish-Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, TchaikovskyNationalist pride through dictionaries, histories, folktales, music | Art-attacked western styleClassical artsLiterature walked line of angering government – still discussed patriotism/Russian |
| Empire | Byzantine Empire |  Kievan Rus could not replicate ByzantineKievan decline – rival princes set up regional governmentsRapid decline of Byzantium | Connection to Byzantine Empire- married niece of emperorExpansion – fought Ottoman EmpireFall of Byzantine Empire (1453) |  |  |
| Religion | Animist – gods of sun, thunder, wind and fire | Vladimir I convert to Christianityforced conversionSplendor of Orthodox religious ceremoniesReligion allowed to have vernacular languages | Orthodox Christianity moved to MoscowRomanov family – state control over Russian Orthodox Church | Russification – all Russians had to convert to Orthodoxy | Soviet schools taught religion as myth under StalinNo church service to under 18 |