Guided Reading Activity

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Eastern Europe and Western Russia

Lesson 2 *History of the Regions*

Essential Question: How do governments change?

Early History

> **Directions:** As you read the section, use your textbook to answer these questions about the early history of Eastern Europe and Western Russia.

1. Historically, what was the most common ethnic group in Eastern Europe?

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2. What main ethnic groups made up Western Russia?

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3. What group controlled Russia for 250 years starting in the late 1200s?

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4. Which Russian leader expanded Russia's empire and encouraged the development of education, journalism, architecture, and theater?

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5. What were serfs?

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Conflict and Communism

> **Directions:** Use your textbook to decide if each statement is true or false. Write *T* or *F* in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it correctly.

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———— **1.** A Bosnian terrorist triggered World War I by assassinating
Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary on June 28, 1914.

———— **2.** Great Britain, France, and Russia fought against each other in World War I.

———— **3.** Russia emerged from World War I richer and stronger than it had
been before the war.

———— **4.** A group of revolutionaries called Bolsheviks took control of the
Russian government shortly after Czar Nicholas stepped down.

———— **5.** The Bolsheviks wanted Russia to return to an economic system in
which peasants worked for royals and nobles.

———— **6.** The Bolshevik leader, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, was the first premier of
the Soviet Union.

———— **7.** Joseph Stalin, the premier who came after Lenin, used terror and force to
transform the Soviet Union into a communist dictatorship.

———— **8.** The Soviet Union started World War II by invading Germany in 1941.

———— **9.** At the end of World War II, the Soviet Union controlled
Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, Hungary, and Bulgaria.

———— **10.** The United States and Great Britain shared control of Germany
after World War II.

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The Regions in the Modern Era

Directions: Use your textbook to help you number these events in the order they happened.

_____ Soviet troops invade Czechoslovakia in response to the sweeping reforms introduced by Alexander Dubček.

_____ Mikhail Gorbachev comes to power and institutes *glasnost* and *perestroika*.

_____ The USSR creates the Warsaw Pact.

_____ The Soviet Union is dissolved and all its republics gain independence.

_____ The United States learns that the Soviets are sending missiles to Cuba and creates a naval blockade around the island.

_____ The Cold War begins between the USSR and the United States.

_____ Polish trade unions form Solidarity and put pressure on the communist government.

_____ Ethnic tensions flare in the Balkan Peninsula and the Yugoslav republics become separate countries.

_____ The United States and its allies create the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

_____ The Soviet Union loses political control over Eastern Europe.