

1. When the Soviet Union dissolved at the end of 1991, the republics chose to become _____
2. Which of the following countries does not border the former Soviet Union?
_____ Yugoslavia, Romania, Latvia, Poland
3. Which of the following is not a challenge Russia must overcome in order to develop its natural resources? _____
location/distance, climate, scarcity, political ideology
4. Environmental degradation led thousands of people to flee their homes in _____ in 1986.
5. About 75% of Russia's raw materials comes from _____.
6. The _____ is shrinking to damming to irrigate the central desert areas.
7. The population of Siberia underwent a significant increase due to the construction of the _____.
8. Outside of the Antarctic, the coldest winters of any land area on Earth are found in _____.
9. The _____ are designated as a border between Europe and Asia.
10. The former Soviet Union and the Eastern European nations were linked together between World War II and 1980 by _____(govt.)
11. The effects of the _____ explosion caused radioactive fallout in Russia.
12. The Aral Sea has lost more than half its water because fresh water from rivers flowing into it have been diverted for _____ of surrounding farmland.

13. The construction of the Trans-Siberian Railway resulted in a significant increase in the population of _____.

14. Difficulties in shifting to a market economy, lack of faith in newly elected officials, and ethnic/nationalists conflicts are all problems faced by the independent republics of the former _____.