

Unit 10 Russia & the Eurasian Republics Review

Where do most Russian citizens live and why?	Most live on the European side of Russia in the west because it is warmer than the Asian side and has more available resources.
How have the native Nenets adapted to the physical challenges of Siberia?	The Nenets developed a transportable home called chums so they can move easily with their reindeer herds across the tundra.
What government in Russian history is an example of rule by few?	The government system of the Soviet Union is an example of rule by few.
What Russian government system is an example of rule by many?	Today's Russian Federation is an example of rule by many.
List 3 of the items on the Soviet Union's collective, non-free market economic system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The government had almost total control over the economy and society. -Government owned businesses had no competition. -Few consumer goods were actually produced. -Factories became inefficient and produced poor-quality goods. -No business was allowed to make a profit. -The government and economic system was unsustainable and fell on Christmas, 1991. -A democratic government with a mixed market economy has slowly emerged and the nation is slowly rebuilding since 1991.
How has the art of decorating Pysanky eggs been influenced by the past?	The art of Pysanky eggs in the Eurasian Republics goes back well over 1000 years to a Pre-Christian "pagan" time. With the advent of Christianity, some meanings and symbolism have changed, but the technique and style remain the same.
How did the Soviet Union's political decisions affect the operations of the nuclear plant in Chernobyl?	The government appointed a person to run the plant that did not have the expertise to properly manage it.
Which reforms did President Gorbachev put in place in the USSR and why?	President Gorbachev put <i>perestroika</i> in place to improve the economy and <i>glasnost</i> was to make Russian citizens less afraid of the government.

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What problems and issues developed out of the Aral Sea shrinking?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Villages around the sea disappeared• the fishing industry was destroyed• 200 tons of salt is on the shore• throat related illnesses have risen in local citizens
What are the effects of USSR's focused cultural diffusion amongst its states?	A strong desire to preserve the distinct languages and cultures of the Eurasian Republics developed despite 70 years of control and forced changes by USSR.
How do Russians view time and why?	To Russians, time is like the seasons and moves as slow. This is in part due to their climate and also due to seventy years of Communism where workers could not be fired and there was no incentive to do things on time. Russians are known for not being on time, but do not necessarily consider themselves late.
What are three indicators of economic development in a nation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-GDP per capita-Life expectancy-Literacy rate