

Aim: How did Russia rise in power?

Notes

I. Russia

- Russia remained isolated during the 14th-16th centuries
- They expanded their territory but did not grow in much else
- They did not attempt to grow until the 16th century

II. Mongols in Russia

- 1480s Ivan III of Moscow
- he refused to pay tribute to the Mongols
- Made Russia independent from Mongol rule

III Cossacks

- Peasant soldiers
- Given freedom from land if they conquered other lands
- Captured Siberia to Caspian Sea

IV Absolute Rulers

Ivan IV or Ivan the Terrible 1560s

- Made Russia an absolute monarchy
- United and expanded Russia
- Ruled by using terror
- Used secret police
- Executed opposition
- Killed his own son
- Chaos 1604-1613 no czar “time of troubles”

Michael Romanov was elected czar in 1613

- Romanov family ruled until 1917

Peter the Great

- 1682-1725
- westernized Russia
- First navy for Russia
- Made St. Petersburg new capital
- Sent Russians to be educated in the west
- Forced people to shave their beards and wear western dress
- Heavy taxes
- Brought western people to educate