

Test Review

Russia & the Republics (p. 344 – 249 / p. 353 – 356 / p. 361 – 367 / Video Notes / Lecture Notes)

Know...

- Basic geography of physical features (mountains, rivers, plains, lakes)
- The importance of the Northern European Plain and the location of a majority of the population
- Know how climate affects life in Russia
- The Aral Sea disaster.
 - Why did it happen?
 - Who has benefited from what's happened, and how have they benefited?
 - Who has seen their lives negatively affected, and how have their lives changed as a result?
 - How can this disaster be reversed? What would happen if it were reversed (physical geography and human affects)?
- The importance of the Trans-Siberian Railroad
 - Why was it built?
 - How was it built?
 - What problems existed during its construction?
 - How does it affect the movement of people, goods, and ideas?
- Communism
 - What were the promises made for why it would work?
 - What was it like for the people in The Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries? What type of economy existed under communism?
 - What are the problems under communism?
 - How does communism affect the movement of people, goods, and ideas?
 - What changed in the Soviet Union once Gorbachev came into power? How did the citizens in the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries react to these changes?
 - How did communism FINALLY end in the Soviet Union (be able to tell the story)?

VOCABULARY

communism

black market

Aral Sea

Volga River

Ural Mountains

Northern European Plain

Siberia

Trans-Siberian Railroad

command economy

propaganda