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**Test Study Guide**  
**European Geography, Modern History, and Contemporary Issues**



**Goal 1: Students will demonstrate the ability to identify the geographic characteristics of Europe, Russia, and the Eurasian Republics.**

**Goal 2: Students will demonstrate the ability to understand the history and regional issues of Europe, Russia, and the Eurasian Republics.**

Test on \_\_\_\_\_

**Objectives:**

Students should be able to:

- > identify selected countries and regions of Modern Europe, Eurasia, and Northern Asia.
- > identify Europe's relative location in the world and describe the characteristics that make it a region.
- > identify Russia's relative location in the world and describe the characteristics that make it a region.
- > describe the major geographic (land and water) features and climatic features of Europe and Russia.
- > apply the following skills:
  - know the parts to a "good map"
  - be able to read and interpret maps
  - use cardinal and intermediate direction
  - calculate distance using a scale
  - explain the difference between relative and absolute location; identify a location based on its longitude and latitude coordinates.
  - identify and describe the three major latitude zones
  - describe and apply the factors that influence a region's climate
  - read and interpret a climate graph
- > give a brief description of Russian history from the 800s to 1917 (focus on the three themes of expansion, harsh treatment of the common people, and slow to Westernize).
- > explain and give reasons for the rise and downfall of communism in the Soviet Union.
- > compare the political and economic systems of the United States and the Soviet Union (democracy v. communism and market economy v. command economy).
- > define the term, Cold War, and give examples how the United States and the Soviet Union competed as superpowers.
- > explain and give examples of environmental damage that resulted from political decisions made by the former Soviet Union during the Cold War.

**Assignments and Notes Section:**

Note: This list continues from the list located on the study guide for the Middle Ages.

- *Quarter 2: Quiz 1 Study Guide*
- *Quarter 2: Quiz 1 Binder Check*
- *Quarter 2: Quiz 1*
- *Article and notes: History of Russia*
- *Notes: DVD: The Russian Revolution*
- *Notes: Communist Theory of Karl Marx and Market v. Command Economy*
- *Activity: Lesson in Economics - Types of System Assessment*
- *Article (with student notes) and activity sheet: The Soviet Union*
- *Activity: Time for Review: History of Russia*
- *Article and activity sheet: Cold War*
- *Notes: DVD: Escape from Berlin*
- *Article and activity sheet: Why Communism Failed in the U.S.S.R.*
- *Notes: Soviet Union Falls Apart*
- *Activity: Russian Legacy: Review Activity*
- *Quarter Two: Test Study Guide (this paper)*

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**Key words/people/events related to modern history and contemporary issues:**

Vikings	Westernize	Kiev	Mongols
T ribute	Siberia	Czar	Autocracy
St. Petersburg	Revolution	Bolsheviks	Proletariat
Authoritarian	Communism	Command Economy	Democratic
Market Economy	Superpower	Great Purge	Gulag
Censorship	Consumer goods	Perestroika	Glasnost
Iron Curtain/Soviet Bloc	Cold War	Bloody Sunday	Socialism
Classless	Berlin Airlift	Berlin Wall	Missile (ICBMs)
Arms Race	Space Race	Sputnik 1	Cuban Missile Crisis
Blockade	Chernobyl	Lake Karachay	Aral Sea
Ivan III	Ivan IV (the terrible)	Romanovs	Peter the Great
Catherine the Great	Alexander II	Alexander III	Nicholas II
Karl Marx	Vladimir Lenin	Joseph Stalin	Nikita Khrushchev
Leonid Brezhnev	Mikhail Gorbachev	Boris Yeltsin	Vladimir Putin
Dmitry Medvedev	Fidel Castro	John F. Kennedy	