

**Unit Organizer**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade History and Geography**

**Russia: Early Growth and Expansion**

Colorado State Standards:

**Geography Standard 1.1:** Know how to use and construct maps, globes, and other geographic tools to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.

**Geography Standard 1.2:** Develop knowledge of the earth to locate people, places and environments.

**Geography Standard 2.3:** Know how culture and experience influence people's perceptions of places and regions.

**Geography Standard 4.1:** Students know the characteristics, location, distribution, and migration of human populations.

**Geography Standard 4.5:** Students know how cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of Earth's surface.

**Geography Standard 5:** Students understand the effects of interactions between human and physical systems and the changes in meaning, use, distribution, and importance of resources.

**History Standard 1.1:** Know the general chronological order of people and events in history.

**History Standard 2.3:** Apply knowledge of the past to analyze present-day issues and events.

**History Standard 4:** Students understand how science, technology, and economic activity have developed, changed, and affected societies throughout history.

**History Standard 5.2:** Students know how various systems of government have developed and functioned throughout history.

**History Standard 5.3:** Students know how political power has been acquired, maintained, used, and/or lost throughout history.

**History Standard 6:** Students know that religious and philosophical ideas have been powerful forces throughout history.

Core Knowledge Unit:

VI. Russia: Early Growth and Expansion

A. History and Culture

- Russia as successor to Byzantine Empire: Moscow as new center of Eastern Orthodox Church and of Byzantine culture (after the fall of Constantinople in 1453)
- Ivan III (the Great), czar (from the Latin word "Caesar")
- Ivan IV (the Terrible)
- Peter the Great: modernizing and "Westernizing" Russia
- Catherine the Great
  - Reforms of Peter and Catherine make life even harder for peasants

## B. Geography

- Moscow and St. Petersburg
- Ural Mountains, Siberia, steppes
- Volga and Don Rivers
- Black, Caspian, and Baltic Seas
- Search for a warm-water port

Previous Unit: England: Golden Age to Glorious Revolution

Next Unit: Feudal Japan

### Standards for Achievement and Performance:

Can you...

- Locate Russia on a world map?
- Identify the cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg on a map?
- Locate the Ural Mountains, Siberia, Volga River, Don River, steppes, the Black Sea, the Caspian Sea, and the Baltic Sea on a map?
- Discuss Russia's search for a warm-water port?
- Discuss how Russia became the successor to the Byzantine Empire and how Moscow became the center of the Eastern Orthodox Church?
- Identify the following people and main events in each of their reigns: Ivan III, Ivan IV, Peter the Great, and Catherine the Great?
- Discuss the effects of Peter the Great and Catherine the Great's rule on Russian serfs?

### Vocabulary

Boyar

Czar

Czarina

Kremlin

Serf

Tribute

Landlocked

Isolation

Tribute

Orthodox

Tartar

Modernize

Extravagant

Coronation

Autocracy

Annex

Aristocrat

Character Education

**Perseverance-** as demonstrated by Ivan the Great, Peter the Great and Catherine the Great for their dedication to making Russia a large and influential country.