



Michael Romanov (r. 1613-1645)

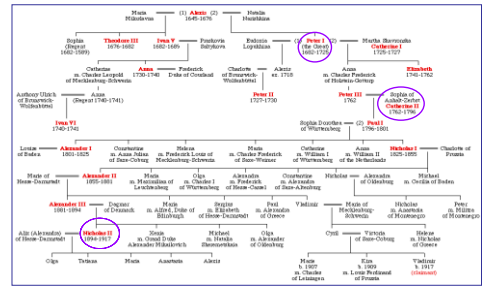


- c The Romanov dynasty is established.
- c The only Russian royal family → lasted for 304 years!

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Romanov Dynasty (1613-1917)



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The Russian Empire

1721-1917

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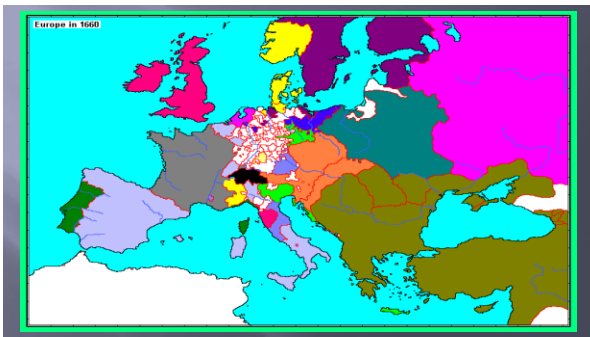
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PETER THE GREAT

Czar of Russia
Romanov Family

Knock off the Tall jakes.

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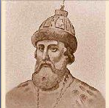



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How Europeans Viewed Things

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Russia:
 Poor
 Geographically Isolated
 Dominated by nobles
 Medieval / Feudal
 Many serfs
 Church has great influence

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Peter the Great

1672-1725



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Peter's reign can be summed up with one letter.




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Westernization




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ORIENT RUSSIA TOWARD EUROPE

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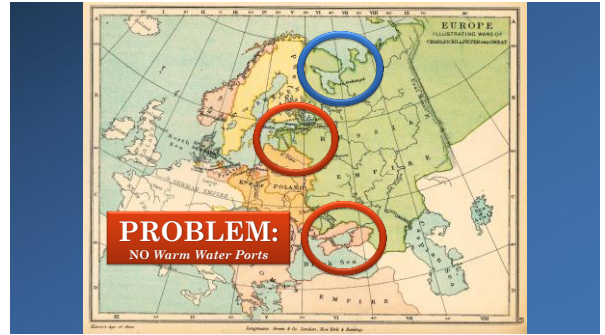
Warm Water Ports



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MILITARY REFORMS

Peter created a professional military force based on the Prussian model.

Carl Röchling (d. 1920), *Attack of the Prussian Infantry*

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Azov Campaign 1695-1696

OBJECTIVE:
Control of Sea of Azov

Peter the Great vs. the Ottoman Empire

Map credit: Norman Einstein

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A Gift for the King of England

Portrait of Peter I by Godfrey Kneller (1698)



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Cultural Revolution

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Young Peter
the Great
wearing a
Traditional
Eastern
Kaftan



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SUIT UP

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Beard Tax

Those who
paid Peter's
Beard Tax
carried tokens
to prove it.



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Education

Peter paid for the sons of Russian nobles to study abroad in Western Europe.

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The Year Starts Here



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Before 1700, the Russians had observed the New Year in September.

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Resistance to Westernization

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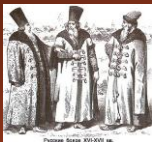
From Washington's Farewell Address

"Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence... the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake..."



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Entrenched Classes



Boyars
(Nobility)



Streltsy
(Musketeers)



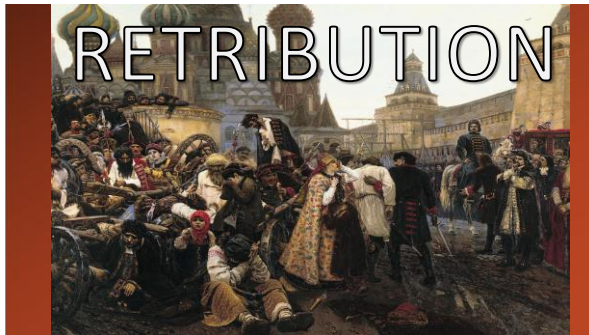
Russian Orthodox
Church

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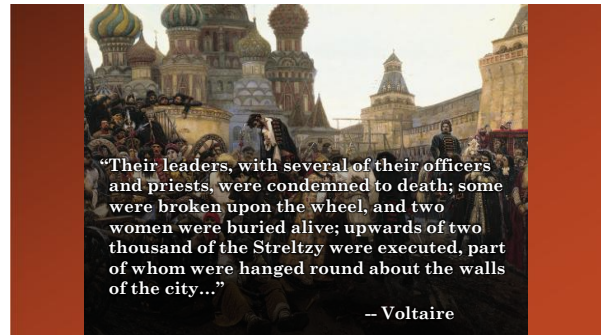
Streltsy Rebellion



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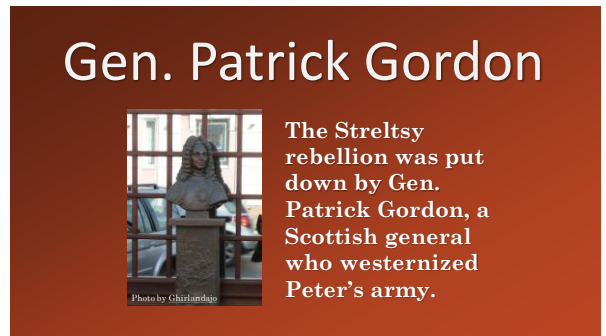
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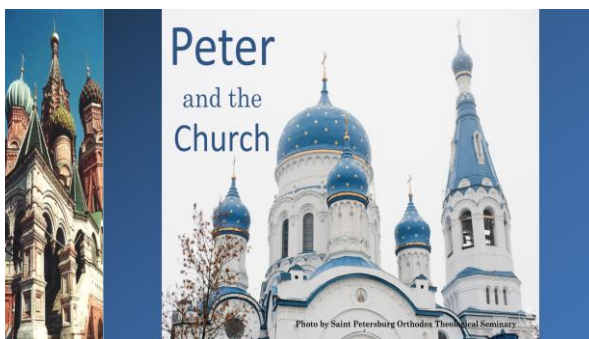
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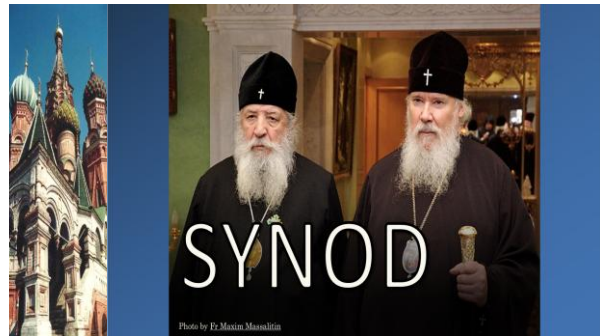
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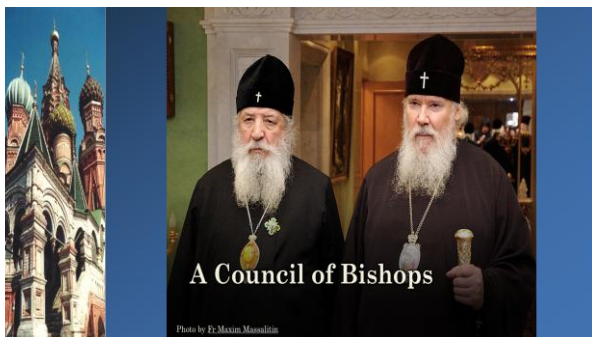
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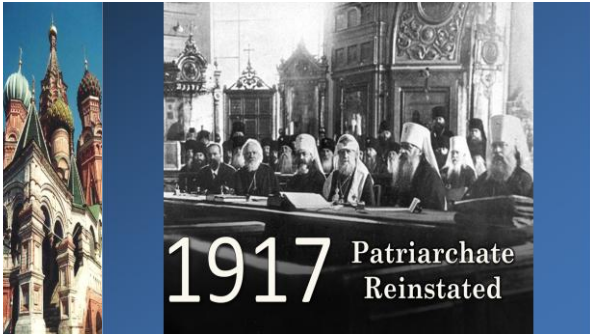
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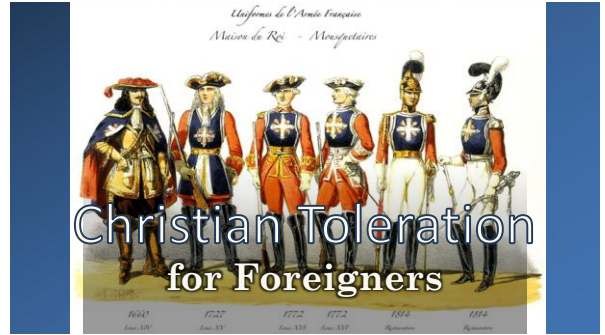
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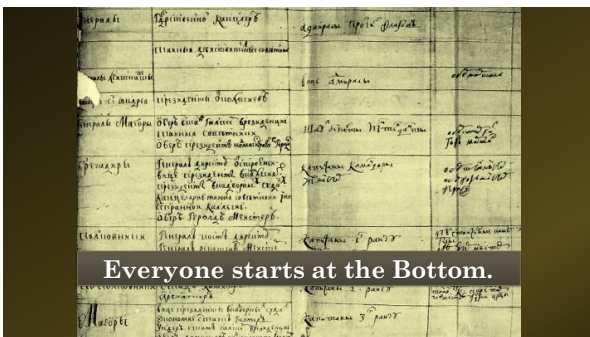
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Meritocracy

BIRTH

SENIORITY

People (theoretically) progressed through the Table of Ranks by *merit* rather than because of their family status or connections.

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The Great Northern War Russia vs. Sweden



1700 - 1721

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CHARLES
XII

King of
Sweden



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Battle of Narva 1700



Peter DEFEATED

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Battle of Poltava 1709



Peter WINS!!!

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St. Petersburg

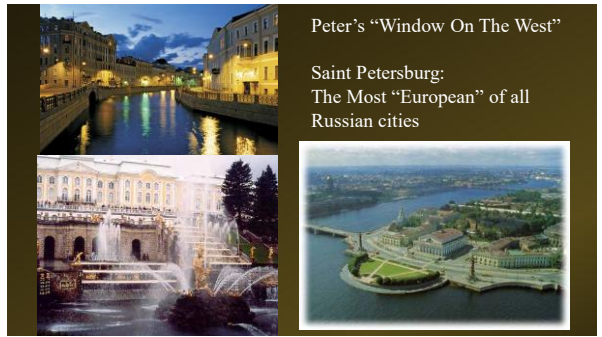


Russia's "Window to the West"

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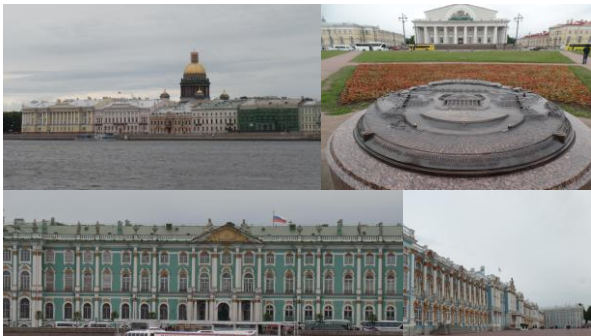
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Peter's "Window On The West"

Saint Petersburg:
The Most "European" of all Russian cities

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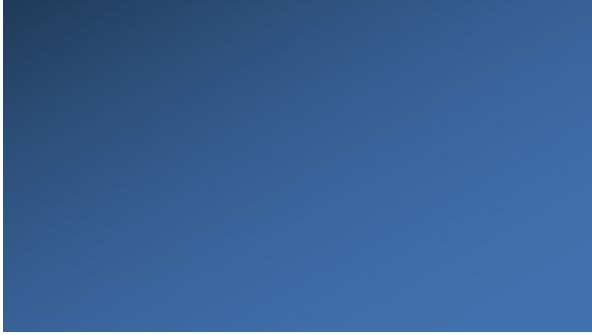
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