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RUSSIA



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Before Reading

- "Walk" through the book and point out the various nonfiction features. Ask the student what purpose each feature serves.
- Look at the glossary together. Read and discuss the words.

Read the Book

- Have the child read the book independently.
- Invite him or her to list questions that arise from reading.

After Reading

- Discuss the child's questions. Talk about how he or she might find answers to those questions.
- Prompt the child to think more. Ask: The czars brought beautiful art and style to Russia. The next leaders thought machines and labor were better. What do you think is better?

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CHAPTER 1

WELCOME TO RUSSIA!

Would you like to play with wooden nesting dolls? Want to go where the sun never sets? How does a bowl of pink soup sound? Let's explore Russia!



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Russia was once ruled by kings called **czars**. They built grand **palaces** and beautiful cities. Many buildings have onion-shaped domes. Magnificent art is found nearly everywhere.

Moscow is the **capital**. The Kremlin is the **seat** of the government. The president lives here. He runs the country. The **prime minister** helps. So does the **duma**. This is a group of lawmakers.

The Red Square is in Moscow, too. It is one of the largest town squares in the world. St. Basil's Cathedral is here.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Many leaders here have been controversial. Statues of these leaders are located throughout the country. Do you think they should be removed? Why or why not?



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Siberia is located in the north. This **province** is filled with vast **natural resources**. Like what? Coal. Petroleum. Natural gas. Gold.

Winters here are severe. Temperatures can drop to -90° Fahrenheit (-68° Celsius). Polar bears fish in the Arctic Ocean nearby.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Trans-Siberian Railway runs through Siberia. It is the longest single rail system in the world. How long is it? Almost 6,000 miles (9,660 kilometers)! It was finished in 1916. It runs from Moscow to Vladivostok.

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QUICK FACTS & TOOLS

AT A GLANCE



RUSSIA

Location: Europe and Asia

Size: 6.6 million square miles (17.1 million square kilometers)

Population: 142,257,519 (July 2017 estimate)

Capital: Moscow

Type of Government: semi-presidential federation

Language: Russian

Exports: petroleum products, natural gas, metals, wood

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