



Russia – Knowledge Organiser

Overview

- Russia is a country located partially in Europe and partially in Asia.
- 23% of Russia is in Europe and 77% is in Asia. However, 77% of the people in Russia live in the European portion.
- Russia covers an area of 17.13 million km² making by far the largest country in the world.
- About 144 million people live in Russia. 110 million are in the European part, the most populated European country.
- The capital city of Russia is Moscow. Moscow is in the European part of Russia.

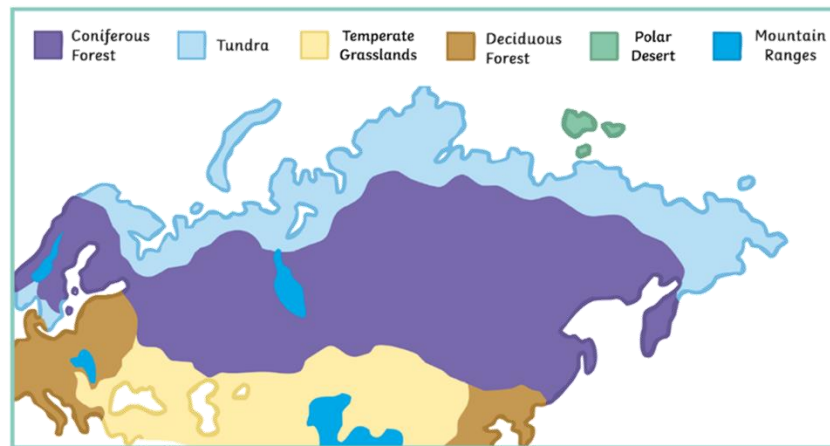


Human Geography

- Russia has a long history and a culture which has developed over hundreds of years.
- There are over 160 ethnic groups living in Russia.
- The main Russian settlements are the cities of Moscow (capital), St Petersburg, and Novosibirsk.
- Crude Petroleum is Russia's main export.
- The top tourist attractions in Russia include the State Hermitage Museum and St Basil's Cathedral.

Physical Geography

- Because of its vast size, Russia contains several different types of terrain. It has a number of different mountain ranges. E.g., the Ural, Sayan, Caucasus mountains.
- Its size means that there are huge differences in climate from place to place.
- Russia has several large bodies of water. Lake Baikal is the world's largest and deepest freshwater lake.
- Russia is so large that it spans 11 time zones.
- Russia borders 14 other countries.



History of Russia

Ninth century	Kievan Rus became the first major East Slavic state.
1237-40	Mongols invade Rus and take power.
1613	Michael Romanov becomes Tsar.
1922	The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) was formed.
1939-45	Second World War.
1947	The 'Cold War' with the West begins.
	Russia becomes independent as the USSR collapses.
2000	Vladimir Putin wins presidential election.
2012	Putin wins election to become the President again.
2015 present day	Controversy surrounds Russia's involvement with Syria.