

CHARTS Text Chart

Directions: Read the chart about rulers of Russia. Use the chart to answer the questions that follow.

Important Russian Rulers	
Ruler (Years of Rule)	Actions and Accomplishments
Ivan the Terrible (1547-1584)	Gained unlimited power over Russian people Forced peasants to become serfs on Russian farms Ordered murders of nobles and church officials who opposed him
Peter the Great (1682–1725)	Expanded Russian territory on Baltic Sea and built St. Petersburg Modernized Russia with ideas of the Scientific Revolution
Catherine the Great (1762–1796)	Added vast new territories to Russia Started new schools, built new towns, and expanded trade Thought about freeing the serfs but instead crushed their rebellion
Alexander II (1855–1881)	Brought serfdom to an end Gave former serfs poor land and made them pay heavy taxes
Nicholas II (1894–1917)	Allowed Russia to enter World War I Gave up power when Russian people rebelled against him

- **1** Which ruler forced the peasants of Russia to become serfs?
 - A Ivan the Terrible
 - **B** Catherine the Great
 - C Alexander II
 - **D** Nicholas II
- 2 Which of these was an accomplishment of Peter the Great?
 - A gaining unlimited power over the Russian people
 - **B** building a great army
 - **C** modernizing Russia with the ideas of the Scientific Revolution
 - **D** bringing serfdom to an end

- 3 During her rule, what action did Catherine the Great take?
 - A She freed the serfs.
 - **B** She ordered the murders of nobles.
 - **C** She expanded Russia's territory.
 - **D** She taxed the serfs.
- 4 Which Russian ruler was forced to give up his power?
 - A Peter the Great
 - **B** Catherine the Great
 - C Alexander II
 - **D** Nicholas II



What problems and divisions among the Russian people led to the Russian Revolution?

