

WORLD HISTORY

AGE OF EMPIRES



RUSSIA

Ivan III – prince of Moscow

Married the niece of the Byzantine Emperor

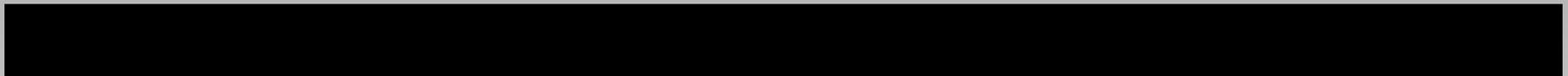
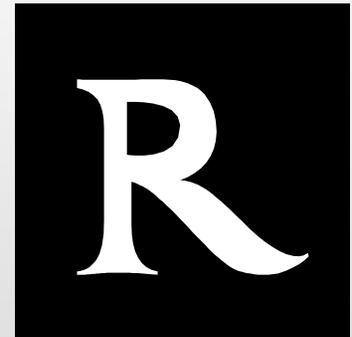
Decided to call himself the czar of Russia (Russian for Caesar)

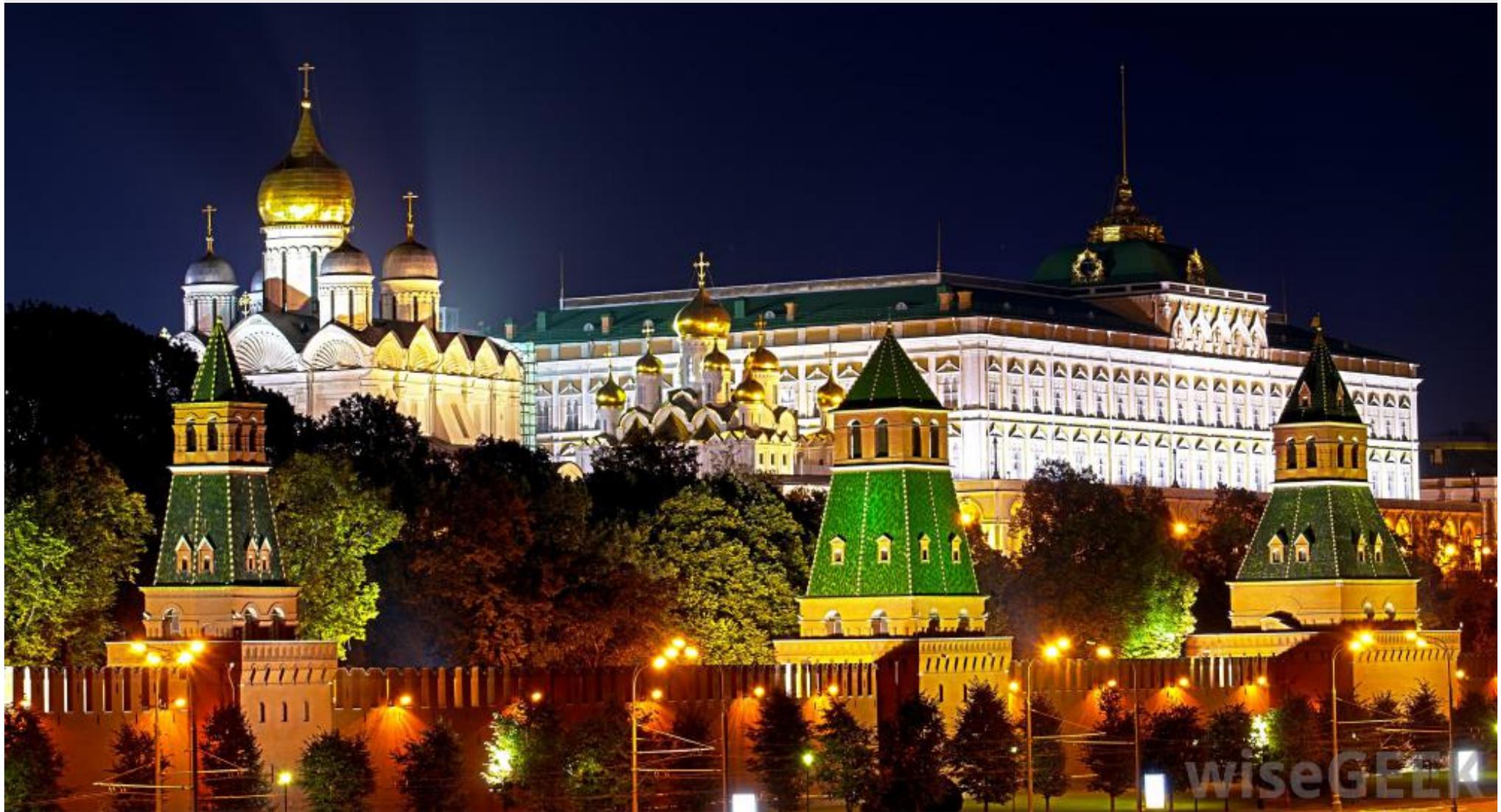
Mongols invaded Russia – both armies line up to fight, and both walk away without the shedding of blood.

Moscow = the center of a new empire: **RUSSIAN EMPIRE**

Center of Moscow = a walled fortress: Kremlin

Walls are 60 ft high and 15 ft thick





MONGOLS

“the ugliest filthiest barbarians that ever lived”

Conquered lands from the Pacific Ocean to the Adriatic Sea

Largest unified land empire in history

Include: Huns

Avars

Turks

Tatars

Became unified as an empire under

Temujin – Genghis Khan shrewd and cruel man





<https://vimeo.com/155828814>

Marco Polo traveled to Mongol lands from Italy

became a trusted official of the Mongol government

Khan's grandson – Kublain Khan

tried to conquer Japan by sea

Japanese fought them to a standstill

typhoon comes – Mongol ships are dashed to pieces

called the “divine wind” or the kamikaze



JAPAN

1000-1200 live under their own feudal system

Lords were in charge of the land

Warriors served under them – samurai = “one who serves”

Lived according to a code that defined the “way of the warrior” -
bushido which required absolute courage and loyalty

Spiritual= Buddhism

quiet contemplation

meditation = Zen

strict discipline of mind and body

had to sit for hours without moving





Isolationism –
avoiding military or
political alliances
with other countries

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Spread of Christianity
Foreign missionaries
Spanish conquests near by

CAUSE:

Fear of European aggression

POLICY:

Christianity is banned
European merchants banned

EFFECTS:

Peace and stability
Growth of Japanese culture
Japan lags behind in science and
technology



AFRICA

Increase in the trade of African slaves will increase with the development of plantations

Mali Empire – A West African society that grew very powerful

Leaders: Mansa Musa and Sundaiata



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6yGK7UnX2c>

Families begin to trace their lineage through their fathers:

patrilineal