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Europe Russia and Its Neighbors

Location

1. Use the Political Relief Map on pages 78–79 to answer the following questions.
 - a. What four Asian countries border Russia between the Caspian Sea and the Sea of Japan?

 - b. What four European countries border Russia between the Black Sea and the Baltic Sea.

 - c. What European country borders Russia between the Baltic Sea and the Barents Sea?

 - d. What country is less than a hundred miles from the northeastern tip of Russia?

Place

2. Use the Political Relief Map to match countries of the former Soviet Union with their capitals.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Capital</u>
a. Turkmenistan •	• Tbilisi
b. Kazakhstan •	• Tashkent
c. Uzbekistan •	• Astana
d. Georgia •	• Yerevan
e. Armenia •	• Ashgabat

3. Use the Political Relief Map to determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the space provided.
 - a. _____ Kazakhstan is the largest country of the former Soviet Union.
 - b. _____ Almaty is Kazakhstan's largest city.
 - c. _____ Mongolia was part of the Soviet Union.
 - d. _____ St. Petersburg is the national capital of Russia.
 - e. _____ Moscow, Russia, is about 500 miles from Kiev, Ukraine.
 - f. _____ The continental boundary between Europe and Asia crosses Azerbaijan.

Using Geography

4. Use the Political Relief Map to complete the following sentences.
- a. The European part of Russia is separated from the Asian part of Russia by the _____ Mountains.
 - b. In Uzbekistan the city of Samarqand is _____ in size than the city of Tashkent.
 - c. In Kazakhstan the city of Astana is about _____ miles from Chelyabinsk in Russia.
 - d. The Russian cities of Vorkuta and Norilsk are _____ of the Arctic Circle.
 - e. Azerbaijan's capital, _____, is on shores of the Caspian Sea.

Relationships Within Places

5. Use the Population map on page 79. Rank the following places in order of population, with **1** being the most populated and **5** being the least populated.
- a. _____ around the city of Yekaterinburg
 - b. _____ most of Russian north of 60°N
 - c. _____ along the Kazakhstan border
 - d. _____ the city of Omsk
 - e. _____ along the Ukraine border
6. Why is so much of Russia north of the Arctic Circle so sparsely populated?
- _____

Regions

7. Use the information on page 79 to answer the following questions about Russia and its neighbors. Circle the correct answer.
- a. When did the Soviet Union collapse?
1971 1981 1991 2001
 - b. After its collapse, the Soviet Union broke into how many countries?
11 15 19 23
 - c. How much of the wheat Russians use is grown in their own country?
3% 9% 49% 97%
 - d. What is the largest country in the world?
Russia United States Asia Ukraine
 - e. How many times larger is Russia in land area than the contiguous 48 states?
two times four times six times eight times