



Year 7 Topic 5 - Russia		10 Lessons
<p>Aims: This unit introduces students to the physical and human Geography of Russia. It explores the different biomes found in Russia, and its natural resources, as well as examining population density and its capital city, Moscow. Students spend some time learning about Chernobyl, before examining evidence from geopolitics, to consider whether Russia is going to be the next superpower.</p> <p>Links To KS3 National Curriculum: Pupils should consolidate and extend their knowledge of the world's major countries and their physical and human features. They should understand how geographical processes interact to create distinctive human and physical landscapes that change over time. Students should extend their locational knowledge and deepen their spatial awareness of the world's countries using maps of the world to focus on Russia, focusing on its environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics and major cities.</p> <p>Links to KS4: Edexcel B, Paper 3, Topic 7 – People and the Biosphere (different biomes in Russia) Edexcel B, Paper 3, Topic 8 – Forests under Threat Edexcel B, Paper 3, Topic 9 – Consuming Energy Resources</p>		
Key Skills	Literacy Links:	Numeracy Links:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use data accurately to create a range of geographical figures such as climate graphs, GIS maps.• To consider the significance of a country in terms of global resource and political stability.• Build on their knowledge of globes, maps and atlases.• Draw and interpret data on a choropleth map.	<p>Key words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy security; Chernobyl; geopolitics; superpower; site; situation; fauna; flora; Boreal; Tundra; Burgess; Choropleth	<p>Map skills, using data and graphs.</p>
Assessment	Cross-Curricular Links	
<p>An exam-style paper, consisting of a mixture of questions ranging in marks from 1 to 4. These will include short answer, multiple choice and interpretation and use of given figures and data.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of ICT• History - rise and fall of the Soviet Union• Previous topics of Energy and Biomes	
	SMSC opportunities and British values	

	Opportunities for discussions of the differences and similarities between places and for promoting respect and understanding.
Opportunities for further learning	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Option 1: Revise Core Facts for the unit from your knowledge organiser• Option 2: Seneca learning (KS3 Russia – physical and human Geography)• Option 3: SMHW quizzes	