

# EMPRESSES OF RUSSIA

## BACKGROUND/SETTING

Women held power in 18th c. Russia:

## FAST FORWARD >>

- Peter died 1725
- Catherine I (1725-1727)
- Peter II (1727-1730)
- Anna (1730-1740)

## CATHERINE II (THE GREAT) BACKGROUND

- The Great
- 1729-1796
- background:
- marriage to Peter III (unpopular)
- 1752 birth of son Paul
- 1762 coup

## CATHERINE II (THE GREAT)-POLITICAL

- absolute in name
- major reforms:
- Pugachev Rebellion 1773-1775
- Russo-Turkish Wars 1760's-70's
- 1783 annex of Crimea
- 1790's Partition of Poland

## ELIZABETH-POLITICAL

- 1709-1762 (reigned 1741-1762)
- background:
- Seven Years War

## ELIZABETH'S INFLUENCE

- influences:
- Tsarskoye Selo

## ENLIGHTENED CATHERINE

- Enlightenment influences: