

# PETER THE GREAT

## BACKGROUND/SETTING

- “backward” culturally and economically

- Slavic language
- Great Russians (Muscovites) , White Russians (Byelorussians), Little Russians (Ukrainians)
- society:
- church:
  - Old believers
- peasants:
  - slave plantation
- 19th c.

## POLITICAL

- 1672-1725
- background/childhood:
- convinced of 2 things:
- 1697-1698 Grand Embassy
  - Europeanize Russia
  - locations:
  - streltsy rebellion
- Goals of westernization:**
- boyars/streltsy
- administration
- military
- crude personality
- dissent
- administrative reforms:
  - Table of Ranks
  - meritocracy
- Sweden**
- Battle of Narva 1700
- Great Northern War (1700-1721) vs King Charles XII
- Battle of Poltava (1709)
- significance:
- St. Petersburg**
- 1703
- “window to the west”
- symbol of:
- layout of city:

- Legacy**
- transformation

## SOCIAL/WOMEN

### Western Customs

- etiquette
- beards
- coats
- women

### Legacy

- disparity

## RELIGION

- secularization

## CULTURAL/ INTELLECTUAL/ART

### Legacy

- transformation

## TECHNOLOGY

- 1697-1698 Grand Embassy
- Europeanize Russia

## ECONOMIC

- mercantilism
- military