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:

**Social/Women**
- Western Customs
  - etiquette
  - beards
  - coats
  - women

**Legacy**
- disparity

**Religion**
- secularization

**Cultural/Intellectual/Art**
- transformation

**Technology**
- 1697-1698 Grand Embassy
  - Europeanize Russia

**Economic**
- mercantilism
- military