

Rulers of Russia and Central Europe

<p>The Monarchy of Ivan the Terrible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1500s Russia behind in technology and gov • Run by church officials and boyars or land owners • 1546 Czar (Caesar) or Emperor ruled without limits • Early years general council, merit system, legal code reducing power of boyars • Expanded borders and trade, drove out invaders • “Good Period” • Suspicious advisors and sent away/killed supporters • Anastasia died- convinced murdered and conspiracy • 6,000 men in black robes on horses, patrolled Russia w/brutality • Seized boyars’ land, killed separatists, killed son leaving no heir • Michael, relative of first wife and a Romanov, became Czar
<p>Peter the Great</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Became czar in 1682, age 17 removed sister and took over 6’6” strong, energetic • Attempted take back of Black Sea from the Turks inspired navy, successful later • Visited Europe and promoted Westernization (military, state-controlled church, newspaper, schools, merit system, clothing and grooming, potatoes, founded St. Petersburg for year-round trade and connection to the west; moved capital
<p>Catherine the Great</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German princess married Peter’s grandson • Czar Peter III incompetent and had him murdered • Saw herself as true successor of Peter the Great, expanded Westernization • Improved education, trade, legal systemtried to act as an enlightened ruler • Polish challenged Russian influence, she took it over • Put down rebellions and beheaded opponents, strengthened power • Granted land and peasants to nobility in exchange for loyalty
<p>Monarchy and Conflict in Central Europe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never became absolutist monarchs • HRE headed by one emperor who did not have total authority • HRE divided into smaller states, each with own ruler fighting against authority • 1450s all HRE come from Hapsburg family • 1618 Catholic represented for HRE ordered a Protestant church be shut down in Prague, he was thrown out the window and landed on garbage, threatened authority • Attempt to control religion led to other nobility rebelling • Spain joins side of emperor, and France joins side of Protestant’s • Treaty of Westphalia gave religious toleration and ended HRE control, made states stronger • Other struggles over heir to HRE (Marie Theresa a Hapsburg and Frederick the Great a Prussian Hohenzollerns) Fred offered peace, turned down and there was a war • She later accepted peace, Prussia grew in power • Next was Seven Year’s War due to continued rivalry between Prussia and A-H • Alliances: England joined Prussia, and France and Russia joined A-H • Part fought in American and India • Prussia and England won, Prussia emerged VERY powerful and struggle for control continues

