

Assignment #2: Russia: General Overview/ Political Subdivision.

#1. 🎧 Watch the video.

#2. 🎧 Watch the video «Россия» and fill in the information in the chart below.

Size	
Population	
Regions	
Bordering countries	
Coastline	
Seas	
Rivers	
Lakes	
Climate zones	
Flora and fauna	
The Lake Baikal	

#3. Read about political subdivision of Russia.

Video just for fun 😊

#4. Look at the map “РЕСПУБЛИКИ”, read the name of each republic in Russian and identify its location on the map.

РЕСПУБЛИКИ



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| 1. Adygea (республика Адыгея) | 12. Mari El (республика Марий Эл) |
| 2. Altai (республика Алтай) | 13. Mordovia (республика Мордовия) |
| 3. Bashkortostan (республика Башкортостан) | 14. Yakutia (республика Якутия) |
| 4. Buryatia (республика Бурятия) | 15. North Ossetia–Alania (респ. Северная Осетия -Алания) |
| 5. Dagestan (республика Дагестан) | 16. Tatarstan (республика Татарстан) |
| 6. Ingushetia (республика Ингушетия) | 17. Tuva (республика Тыва) |
| 7. Kabardino-Balkaria (Кабардино-Балкарская респ.) | 18. Udmurtia (республика Удмуртия) |
| 8. Kalmykia (республика Калмыкия) | 19. Khakassia (республика Хакассия) |
| 9. Karachay-Cherkessia (Карачаево-Черкесская респ.) | 20. Chechnya (республика Чечня) |
| 10. Karelia (республика Карелия) | 21. Chuvashia (республика Чувашия) |
| 11. Komi (республика Коми) | 22. Crimea (республика Крым) |

Additional Map:

#5. 🎥 Watch the video «All about Russia»

#6. ✍ Complete the final test.

1.How many republics does Russia have?

- A. 17. B. 21. C. 35. D. 83

2.Which of the following is true about the republics in Russia?

- A. They are the only regions that can vote in national elections
- B. They are all located in Europe
- C. They are formed by non-Russian ethnic groups and can have their own language
- D. They are independent countries not controlled by the Russian government

3.Which of the following statements about Russia's geography is correct?

- A. Russia is the second-largest country in the world
- B. Russia spans across 9 time zones
- C. Russia borders only European countries
- D. Russia stretches from Eastern Europe into Asia and spans 11 time zones

4.Why do Russia's republics have the right to establish their own official languages?

- A. Because they are wealthier than other regions
- B. Because they are made up of distinct ethnic groups
- C. Because they are not bound by Russian laws
- D. Because they are controlled by foreign governments

5.Which of the following republics is noted for its large size?

- A. Ingushetia B. Chechnya C. Sakha D. Tatarstan

6. What does the term *Rossiyanin* refer to?

- A. An ethnic Russian only
- B. Anyone who lives in Russia regardless of ethnicity
- C. A person born in Moscow
- D. A supporter of the Russian president

7. What is an *asymmetrical federation*?

- A. A system where all states have the same powers
- B. A loose association of independent countries
- C. A system in which some states have more rights than others
- D. A dictatorship ruled by the president

8. Which of the following rights do republics within the Russian Federation have that other regions do not?

- A. The right to vote in presidential elections
- B. The right to create a national language and their own constitution
- C. The right to elect their own president
- D. The right to be independent from Russian law

9. Why did Boris Yeltsin hold a referendum shortly after coming to power?

- A. To legalize the Communist Party
- B. To reverse the USSR's dissolution
- C. To gain wider international support
- D. To receive broader powers to change the Constitution

10. Why is there such a large time difference between regions in Russia?

- A. Russia operates on different calendars

- B. The population density varies greatly
- C. Russia spans 11 time zones due to its vast size
- D. Each region decides its own time zone

11. Why is it sometimes hard to tell who is an ethnic Russian?

- A. People are required to change their last names
- B. Ethnic minorities are not allowed to display their heritage
- C. Many ethnic groups have mixed or integrated over time
- D. Only ethnic Russians are counted in national statistics

Listen to this Russian folk song and discover the rich diversity of the people living in Russia.