

# The Russian Core

## Lesson 1: Physical Geography of the Russian Core

1. What forms a natural barrier between European Russia and Siberian Russia?

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- A. the Caucasus Mountains
- B. the Ural Mountains
- C. the Caspian Sea
- D. the Northern European Plain

2. The rich, black topsoil found in the Northern European Plain is known as

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- A. chernozem.
- B. the black triangle.
- C. permafrost.
- D. continentality.

3. The Caucasus Mountains form a natural barrier between Russia and

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- A. the Siberian region.
- B. countries to the west.
- C. the northern region.
- D. countries to the south.

4. The Ural Mountains likely attracted human settlement to the region because they are

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- A. close to key trade routes.
- B. a popular tourist destination.
- C. rich in iron ore and mineral fuels.
- D. known for their warm climate.

5. The West Siberian Plain is known for its

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- A. rich farmland for agriculture and livestock.
- B. harsh climate and large swamps.
- C. flat terrain and many lakes.
- D. glacial scarring.

6. Which of the following landlocked countries lies entirely on the Northern European Plain?

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- A. Belarus
- B. Ukraine
- C. Perekop
- D. Siberia

7. Which of the following uses of the Dnieper River is most important to the surrounding region?

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- A. enabling commerce
- B. providing transportation
- C. supplying water to Ukrainians
- D. providing hydroelectric power

8. Which of the following rivers is the longest in Europe?

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- A. the Neman River
- B. the Berezina River
- C. the Dnieper River
- D. the Volga River

9. Which of the following terms does NOT describe the tundra?

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- A. It covers about 10 percent of Russia.
- B. It has broad expanses of coniferous evergreen trees.
- C. It has several weeks of continuous sunlight in the summer.
- D. Only mosses, lichens, algae, and dwarf shrubs thrive there.

10. Which of the following climate types can be found in Belarus?

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- A.**subarctic climate covered by boreal forest
- B.**humid subtropical climate with high precipitation
- C.**cool continental climate influenced by the Atlantic Ocean
- D.**steppe climate with vast grassland and chernozem