

Russia

Quotations

"In my personal opinion, Russia is no less democratic than it used to be. It is a democratic country. It is democratic enough".

- Roman Abramovich

"If you don't know how great this country is, I know someone who does; Russia".

- Robert Frost

Questions

- What do you know about Russia and its history? (Czars, Communism, famous authors, Cold War, the end of the USSR)
- German Chancellor Angela Merkel said, "Today's Russia is not to be compared with the Soviet Union of back then". Do you agree?
- Do you know what products Russia exports?
- Ronald Reagan's determination to destroy communism and the Soviet Union was a hallmark of his presidency. Do you believe this benefited the people under Russia's control? What good and bad things came from the end of the USSR?
- What do you know about 1990's Nobel Peace Prize recipient Michael Gorbachev? Do you believe he had the best interests of the people of the Soviet Union at heart or that is genuine fondness and friendship with Ronald Reagan made him change his views?
- What do you know about Vladimir Putin? Do you believe he genuinely cares for his country, her citizens and the world? Or do you believe he is a power hungry and corrupt leader?
- Do you believe Russia is different from other European countries?
- Russia spans across two continents. Do you think people and cultures differ throughout Russia's vast area?
- Can you name some prominent writers and composers from Russia?
- Do you think it's important for Russia to be on good terms with other countries or do you think Russia can manage on its own? What countries are on good terms with Russia?
- Do you know why the Czar and his family were murdered and why Stalin was able to come into power?

Presentation

Have a discussion about the former Soviet Union and how each country that broke apart is either doing better or worse than before.