

Topic: Russia

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To achieve 'Expected Standard' you will be able to....		WT	ES
ES1: Explain and compare at least two human and two physical features of Russia , using specific place-based examples and appropriate geographical terminology.			
ES2: Describe Russia's global location using latitude, longitude and hemispheres , and explain the significance of the Ural Mountains as a continental boundary.			
ES3: Describe and explain the key characteristics of Siberia's climate , including seasonal variation and underlying physical causes.			
ES4: Explain why people choose to live in Siberia , analysing how economic opportunities, natural resources and government incentives influence settlement patterns.			
ES5: Explain two strategic reasons why Russia maintains a military base in Kaliningrad , linking to geopolitical location and access to resources or trade routes.			
ES6: Define corruption using appropriate terminology and explain its impacts on governance, economic development and quality of life in Russia.			
ES7: Describe differing perspectives on LGBTQ+ rights in Russia and explain one global political or social consequence of these views.			
ES8: Explain two reasons why fossil fuels are significant to Russia's economy , making links to global energy demand and economic development.			
ES9: Explain why the Arctic is strategically and economically important to Russia , referring to resources, trade routes and political influence.			
ES10: Explain one key geopolitical reason for Russia's invasion of Ukraine , using evidence to support your explanation.			
ES11: Explain both a physical and a human factor that has made it difficult for Russia to successfully invade Ukraine , linking to terrain, climate or resistance.			
ES12: Explain two contrasting impacts of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster , considering social, economic, environmental or political consequences.			
ES13: Assess whether Russia should be considered a superpower using relevant evidence to support a justified judgement.			

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To achieve 'Greater Depth' you will be able to...		GD
GD1: Evaluate the environmental consequences of resource extraction in Russia, considering short- and long-term impacts on ecosystems, climate and local communities, and making links to global sustainability.		
GD2: Analyse the geopolitical, environmental and economic challenges facing the Arctic, and propose and justify realistic strategies to manage these issues sustainably.		
GD3: Evaluate whether Russia is a superpower using a range of evidence, constructing a balanced argument that considers strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats before reaching a substantiated judgement.		