



7th Grade World History

Lesson # 31, May 4th



I can detail the achievements of Ivan the Great.

Supplies Needed

Paper
and
pencil



Internet
access



Your
brain



Warm Up: Key Terms

Use Google to define these key terms. You should recognize some of them. Others are brand new. Write the key term and definition on your paper.

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2. Princedom
3. Reparations
4. Kremlin

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1. Regent-a person appointed to administer a country because the monarch is a minor or is absent or incapacitated.
2. Princedom-A principality (or sometimes 'princedom') can either be a monarchical feudatory or a sovereign state, ruled or reigned over by a monarch with the title of prince
3. Reparations-the making of amends for a wrong one has done, by paying money to or otherwise helping those who have been wronged
4. Kremlin-a citadel within a Russian town, the citadel in Moscow.

Activity : (Ivan III, why is he so great?)

Take focused notes while you watch the following video. You will need to draw it out on your own paper. While taking notes, think about what makes Ivan III so great.

The video is broken into sections. Copy these into the “Main Idea” column to help guide your note taking. Make sure to leave plenty of space between the headings so you can fit your notes in the right spot.

- Who was Ivan III
- Gatherer of Russian Lands
- Marriage to Sophia
- New Legal System
- Freedom from the Tartars
- Palace of the Tsars



Activity : (part 2)

Now that you have watched the video and taken notes, write a brief essay explaining why you think Ivan was great.



Activity : (part 2-possible answer)

Ivan III was nicknamed Ivan the Great. He accomplished many things during his reign and changed Russia from a group of independent principalities under the yoke of the Tartars into a single Kingdom that would eventually become a world power. He first started to rule as a regent for his blind father Vasily II. After his father died, Ivan expanded the Grand Duchy of Moscow by conquering the Principedom of Novgorod. In 1472, Ivan married the Byzantine Princess Sophia. Because her family claimed to be descended from the Roman Caesars, he took the title Tsar for himself. In 1497 he created a new legal system for the kingdom called the Sudebnik. It created a national court system and protected boyar estates like they were feudal manors. He also freed the Russians from Tartar control. He refused to pay them tribute, and his army defeated them in 1480. They would never bother Russia again. The most visible thing he did was to renovate the Kremlin in Moscow. He had new walls built, three new cathedrals, and a giant bell tower. You can still see all of these buildings today.

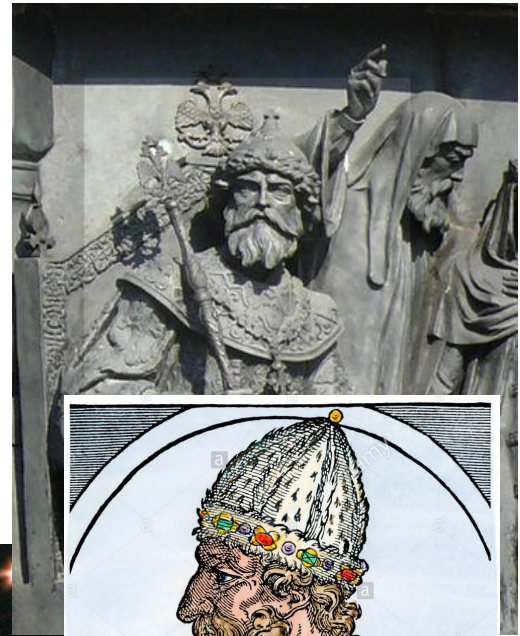


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Wrap up/Extend Your Learning

There are two sides to every story.
Think about what you have learned
about Ivan III. How might the
people affected by his decisions have
felt? Would they call him “the
Great”?



This is not Ivan the Great