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Russia remained isolated from modernization by rejecting the European renaissance. Peter focused on abolishing and modernizing Russia as a great nation. He introduced new administrative and territorial divisions of the country, administered greater control over the reactionary Orthodox Church, secularized schools, reorganized his army according to Western standards, and created a very strong army. Peter established the city of St. Petersburg on the Neva River and moved the capital there from its former location in Moscow. Peter the Great influenced Russia in these ways, education, architecture, and culture.

First of all, he influenced Russia educationally by having many educational buildings built in St. Petersburg. These positively influenced because many people learned to get an education after Peter had established more schools. Secondly, Peter wanted to import the western manners, dress and style. Because of this, he made it illegal to have a beard. This was a major problem with Russian traditionalists as they claimed it obstructed the image of God. Finally, many famous architectural buildings were built in Russia because of his love for the arts. This was excellent because the arts were extremely important in the renaissance.

With Peter's influence, many new famous paintings, sculptures and styles were created bringing new art to people. Born in 1533 to Vasili III and Elena Galitskaya, Ivan the Terrible grew up in the town of Muscovy, Russia. Both of his parents died very young. Ivan took power when he was a mere 3 years old. Since he was so young, nobles called boyars wanted to take control. He was the first czar of Russia and officially took over at the age of 16.

Gaining access to the Baltic Sea and Resisting the Mongol Golden Horde were the two main foreign goals that Ivan had focused on.

His original efforts were initially successful but they disrupted the economy and culture. His supporters were rewarded by being given seized land. He also created a police force that existed more to kill traitors rather than to keep the peace. Hundreds of thousands were killed this way, making Ivan a hated and feared leader. After the believed assassination of his wife, Ivan became very depressed and paranoid, he basically went crazy. Ivan had left the town and the Muscovites pleaded for his return. He returned but he was given even absolute power.