*Russia: Land of the Tsars* – Absolute Monarchs – Viewing Guide

**Peter the Great**

1. What traumatic events did Peter witness as a ten year old? Be descriptive.

2. What happened in the show down between Peter and Sofia? What did Peter do to her?

3. What was Peter’s fascination and resulting life long goal as Czar? (What is “westernization?”)

4. What was Russia’s crippling problem in the eyes of Peter? What did he set his sights on as a result?

5. Where did Peter and his court go as in an attempt to Westernize? What did Peter like to dress up as?

6. What drew Peter back to Russia? What problems did he see? What did he do about them when he returned?

7. Who and what country controlled most of the Baltic coast? What city did Peter attack to try and gain a Baltic port? What was the result? (**Beginning of the Great Northern War**)

8. When Peter did get his window to the Baltic, what new city did he begin? Who did the work? What usually happened to those who worked?

9. What was the result of Sweden’s eventual attack on the city? Be specific.

10. List four innovations or reforms made by Peter the Great. What new title did he give himself?

11. What did Peter, like Ivan, do to his son? How was Peter’s different from Ivan’s?