



Russia and the Frozen North

How does this unit link to prior learning?

Year 7

Map skills
Weather and Climate (Extreme Weather)

Year 8

Globalisation (Differences in cultures around the world)
Africa (Biomes and Climate Zones)

What will you be learning about?

In this unit you will explore the variety of biomes found within Russia, focusing particularly on the Tundra biome. You will discover how people live in the Frozen North and overcome the challenges their environment creates. You will explore the culture of Russia including attitudes towards homosexuality, immigration and extreme nationalism. You will learn about the conflict in Ukraine and its impacts. You will also investigate the positive and negative impacts of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics.

Key Focus

You will explore cultural differences between Britain and Russia, and how economic or political action in the past can change modern attitudes towards minority groups. You will then focus on how global politics can influence a country's decision making. Each lesson will start with knowledge retrieval, which will cover the knowledge, understanding and skills you have developed in previous lessons.

We will develop our learning by studying the following sequence of lessons:

1. Mapping Russia

You will understand the location of Russia, and begin to investigate the Physical Geography of Russia.

2. Russia Biomes

You will compare the human and physical geography of Russia, and then describe the distribution of Biomes across Russia. You will begin to understand the different biome characteristics.

3. The Tundra Biome

You will gather information about what life is like for people living in the Tundra biome including both the opportunities and challenges.

4. Interim Assessment

You will be assessed on the first part of the unit and any gaps or misconceptions will be addressed.

5. Gay Propaganda – **Awe and Wonder**

You will explore the role of propaganda, and discover the views of people in Russia towards homosexuality.

6. Far Right and Proud – **Awe and Wonder**

You will explore the differences between patriotism and nationalism. You will use evidence to explain the real views of extreme groups in Russia towards immigration.

7. War in Ukraine

You will investigate the Russian and Ukraine conflict, including the build up to war and the key events in the conflict.

8. War in Ukraine - Migration.

You will learn about the experiences of people who have fled the war in Ukraine.

9. War in Ukraine - Energy

You will find out about the impacts of the war on global energy supplies and will investigate possible solutions for the future.

10. End of Unit Assessment

You will be assessed on everything you have learnt through this unit and some elements of Year 8 and then close any gaps on misunderstandings.

11. Closing The Gap

You will Close The Gap on any misunderstandings from your cumulative assessment.

12. Sochi: Russia Winter Olympics

You will explore reasons why a country would want to host the Olympics, and discover the opportunities and challenges Russia faced during the Sochi games.

13. Who owns the Arctic?

You will explore laws about ownership of the seas and oceans, and conflict over these areas. You will discover Russia's place in the Arctic Ocean debate.

Key Vocabulary

Biome Tundra Climate Change Taiga Steppe Extremism Homophobia Immigration

Indigenous People Nenets Trade Sanctions Propaganda Patriotism

How will this unit help you in the future?

Year 10

The start of this unit of work will provide a foundation for the unit in GCSE Geography course called "The Living World" which explores biomes around the world.

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This unit means you will better understand contemporary issues of racism or homophobia, and how cultures differ around the world. You will understand the significance of global events such as the Olympics.