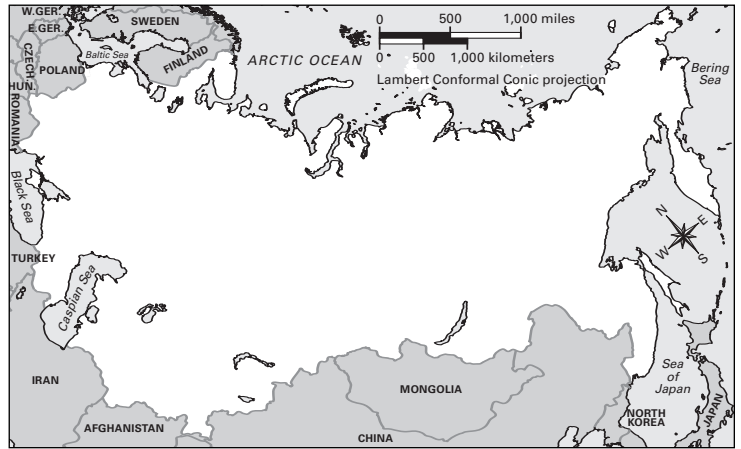


PREVIEW 18

Part 1

Look at the map your teacher is projecting. Pretend you are a geography student in January 1991. On the map at right, some of the countries are labeled. Label the other country that exists at this time. Then answer the questions.

What do you notice about the country on this map?



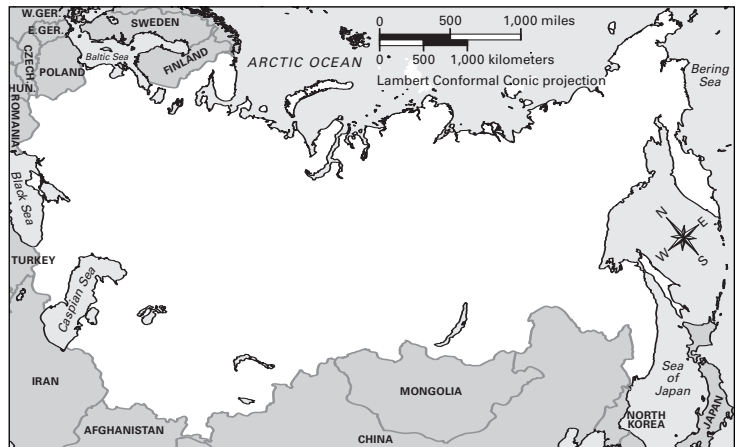
What might be some advantages to controlling a country this large?

What might be some disadvantages to controlling a country this large?

Part 2

Look at the new map your teacher is projecting. One year has passed. It is now January 1992. On the map at right, draw in and label the countries that now exist in this same region.

Look at the differences between your two maps. In only one year, the map of this region has changed drastically. What differences do you notice about the second map compared to the first?



What might have happened to cause these changes?

How might the changes in this region affect the people living there?

GEOTERMS 18

Read Sections 18.1 and 18.2. Then create an illustrated dictionary of the Geoterms by completing these tasks:

- Create a symbol or an illustration to represent each term.
- Write a definition of each term in your own words.
- Write a sentence that includes the term.

| Geoterm and Symbol | Definition | Sentence |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| ethnic group | | |
| nation | | |
| nationalism | | |
| nation-state | | |
| state | | |

READING NOTES 18

18.2 The Geographic Setting

What are the five basic factors that affect the success of a nation-state?

What are some key ways that a nation-state can keep its people secure?

What is GDP? Along with GDP, what two other factors might indicate whether a nation-state is experiencing economic growth?

How can a government improve its citizens' quality of life? What are two measures of quality of life within a nation-state?

What is nationalism? In what ways can it both foster and work against unity within a nation-state?

What does the organization Freedom House do? What two kinds of rights does it examine for each country?

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READING NOTES 18

18.3 Kazakhstan: A Central Asian Giant

1. Complete this scorecard for Kazakhstan. Follow your teacher's directions.

| Nation-State Scorecard | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------|
| Factors to Consider for Economic Success | | Factors to Consider for Political Success | |
| FACTOR | SCORE | FACTOR | SCORE |
| Location, available resources | | Possible ethnic or religious conflict | |
| GDP growth | | Crimes reported | |
| Poverty | | Life expectancy, infant mortality | |
| Income level | | Freedom Index ranking | |
| Overall success | | Overall success | |
| Comments: | | Comments: | |

2. Answer these questions:

Suppose you choose Kazakhstan to host a GeoGames. What is the biggest disadvantage?

What is the biggest advantage?

3. What *three* new important things have you learned about the political or economic success of Kazakhstan? On the map, draw and label them.



READING NOTES 18

18.4 Azerbaijan: Where Europe Meets Asia

1. Complete this scorecard for Azerbaijan. Follow your teacher's directions.

| Nation-State Scorecard | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------|
| Factors to Consider for Economic Success | | Factors to Consider for Political Success | |
| FACTOR | SCORE | FACTOR | SCORE |
| Location, available resources | | Possible ethnic or religious conflict | |
| GDP growth | | Crimes reported | |
| Poverty | | Life expectancy, infant mortality | |
| Income level | | Freedom Index ranking | |
| Overall success | | Overall success | |
| Comments: | | Comments: | |

2. Answer these questions:

Suppose you choose Azerbaijan to host a GeoGames. What is the biggest disadvantage?

What is the biggest advantage?

3. What *three* new important things have you learned about the political or economic success of Azerbaijan? On the map, draw and label them.



READING NOTES 18

18.5 Belarus: Between Europe and Russia

1. Complete this scorecard for Belarus. Follow your teacher's directions.

| Nation-State Scorecard | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------|
| Factors to Consider for Economic Success | | Factors to Consider for Political Success | |
| FACTOR | SCORE | FACTOR | SCORE |
| Location, available resources | | Possible ethnic or religious conflict | |
| GDP growth | | Crimes reported | |
| Poverty | | Life expectancy, infant mortality | |
| Income level | | Freedom Index ranking | |
| Overall success | | Overall success | |
| Comments: | | Comments: | |

2. Answer these questions:

Suppose you choose Belarus to host a GeoGames. What is the biggest disadvantage?

What is the biggest advantage?

3. What *three* new important things have you learned about the political or economic success of Belarus? On the map, draw and label them.



READING NOTES 18

18.6 Lithuania: One of Three Baltic States

1. Complete this scorecard for Lithuania. Follow your teacher's directions.

| Nation-State Scorecard | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------|
| Factors to Consider for Economic Success | | Factors to Consider for Political Success | |
| FACTOR | SCORE | FACTOR | SCORE |
| Location, available resources | | Possible ethnic or religious conflict | |
| GDP growth | | Crimes reported | |
| Poverty | | Life expectancy, infant mortality | |
| Income level | | Freedom Index ranking | |
| Overall success | | Overall success | |
| Comments: | | Comments: | |

2. Answer these questions:

Suppose you choose Lithuania to host a GeoGames. What is the biggest disadvantage?

What is the biggest advantage?



3. What *three* new important things have you learned about the political or economic success of Lithuania? On the map, draw and label them.

READING NOTES 18

18.7 Russia: The Largest Nation on Earth

1. Complete this scorecard for Russia. Follow your teacher's directions.

| Nation-State Scorecard | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------|
| Factors to Consider for Economic Success | | Factors to Consider for Political Success | |
| FACTOR | SCORE | FACTOR | SCORE |
| Location, available resources | | Possible ethnic or religious conflict | |
| GDP growth | | Crimes reported | |
| Poverty | | Life expectancy, infant mortality | |
| Income level | | Freedom Index ranking | |
| Overall success | | Overall success | |
| Comments: | | Comments: | |

2. Answer these questions:

Suppose you choose Russia to host a GeoGames.
What is the biggest disadvantage?

What is the biggest advantage?

3. What *three* new important facts have you learned about the political or economic success of Russia? On the map, draw and label them.

