

GUIDED READING The Russian Empire

A. *Determining Main Ideas* As you read about the Byzantine culture that developed in Russia, take notes to answer the questions in the boxes.

1. What ties linked Kiev to Byzantium?	How did Vladimir and his son Yaroslav contribute to the power of Kiev?
3. What factors brought about Kiev's decline?	4. How did the Mongols treat the Russian people?
5. What were some effects of Mongol rule on Russia?	6. What events marked the beginning of an independent Russian Empire?

B. Summarizing On the back of this paper, identify each person or group in the early history of Russia.

Slavs Vladimir Alexander Nevsky Ivan III