

Christian Civilizations in Eastern Europe

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<p>Key Terms</p> <p>Cyril and Methodius Kievan Rus' Rurik Vladimir I boyars</p>	<p>Big Picture</p> <p>During the postclassical period, two major Christian civilizations formed in Europe. One of those civilizations was the Byzantine Empire. As a successor state of the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire maintained a high level of political, economic, and cultural life from 500 to 1450 CE. During this period, the Byzantine Empire contributed to the rise of the first Russian state, since Russia borrowed many political and cultural institutions from the Byzantine Empire.</p>
<p>Document Analysis</p> <p>Russia Turns to Christianity</p>	<p>College Board Objectives</p> <p>Students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. explain the rise of Russia2. evaluate the role of the Byzantine Empire in the development of Russia
<p>In Depth</p> <p>Eastern and Western Europe: The Problem of Boundaries</p>	<p>Chapter Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What events led to the rise of Russia? How was the development of Russia influenced by other societies?2. What were the basic institutions of Kievan Rus'?3. What caused the decline of Kievan Rus'?