

Timeline: Russian History from the Huns to the Establishment of the Romanoffs

376 C.E.	Invasion of the Huns.
802 C.E.	Ruric, the Norseman, establishes the first regular government at Novgorod, and becomes grand duke.
904 C.E.	Successful invasion of the Byzantine (Eastern Roman) Empire by Oleg of Novgorod.
988 C.E.	Vladimir the Great marries Anne, sister of the Byzantine emperor Basil II, and embraces Christianity.
1223	Golden Horde of Tartars conquers a large part of Russia.
1237	The grand duke, Jurie, slain in battle.
1242	The Tartars establish the empire of the Khan of Kaptshak, and exercise great influence in Russia.
1244	Invasion of the Danes. They are defeated by Alexander Nevsky.
1252	Alexander Nevsky is made Grand Duke of Russia by the Tartars.
1380	War with the Tartars.
1383	Moscow burned.
1395	Invasion of Russia by Tamerlane.
1462	Accession of Ivan the Great. He founds the monarchy, and in 1482 assumes the title of <i>Czar</i> (or <i>Tsar</i>).
1475	Cannon and firearms introduced into Russia by Ivan the Great.
1479	Great invasion of the Tartars.
1491	The Tartars are defeated, and their power defeated, by Svenigorod, the general of Ivan the Great.
1533	Ivan IV (Ivan the Terrible) becomes tsar. Noted for his cruelty.
1553	Trade with England begun by the English "Russian Company."
1598	The line of Ruric, which had governed Russia for 700 years, becomes extinct.
1606	Demetrius, an impostor, ascends the throne, but is soon detected and put to death.
1610	Interregnum.
1613	Michael Fedorovich becomes tsar, and establishes the house of Romanoff.

1. When was Russia Christianized?
2. Who invaded Russia in 1395?
3. When did Russia formally begin trade with England?