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1. Why was the election of Medvedev seen as controlled and not democratic or open?

2. How did the appointment of Putin to PM both solve and create problems?

3. How is the Prime Minister selected?

4. Describe the state of the Russian economy from 2000-2008.

5. What has happened to Russia's economy between 2008-present?

6. Why has Russia either currently or empirically struggled in managing the economy?

7. What are the three problems that have been chronic "stumbling blocks" for Russia.

8. During the Tsarist regime, what effects did Orthodox Christianity have on Russia?

9. What conditions existed to allow for a communist takeover of Russia in 1917?

10. Compare and contrast Socialism and Communism.

11. How did the rule of Stalin ultimately cripple Russia?

12. How did Gorbachev's pursuit of glasnost/prestroika restructure Russia?

13. Compare and contrast the rule of Gorbachev and Yeltsin.

14. Why is the President the most powerful institution in Russia?

15. Describe the informal practices that govern power.

16. How can the Parliament exercise its individual political rights?

17. What is the security council?

18. Why is the Public Chamber a useful tool for the President?

19. What does "the government" refer to?

20. Describe the composition of the government.

21. Compare and contrast the Russian Legislative Process with the US Legislative process.

22. Describe how individuals are elected to the Duma.

23. Describe the role/function of the federation council.

24. Why could the Russian Parliament be described as a Westminster-style parliament? (please list 2-3 reasons).

25. What is the duty of the Procruary?

26. Why is the Russian Judiciary perceived as weak?

27. Describe the role/structure of the Judiciary.

28. Compare and contrast the Supreme Court and the Commercial Court.

29. What authority does the Constitutional Court have? How does it differ from the Supreme Court?

30. What is the greatest challenge to the Constitutional Court? Why?

31. Why did Russia not collapse into small regions after the collapse of the USSR?

32. How are Russian federal units organized? What are the 6 different types of units?

33. Why has Chechnia been an issue Russia has focused on since 1991?

34. What steps has Putin taken to reassert central governmental control since 2000?

35. Describe Putin's hybrid system of rule.