Absolutism in Eastern Europe: Peter the Great (pages 83 – 85)

- 1. How did Peter the Great change Russia (in general)?
- 2. When did he become czar? How old was he?
- 3. How did his family, the court and the government react to his reforms?
- 4. How did he fill important posts? Explain what that means in your own words. Why would that change upset people?
- 5. What did Peter think was the key to Russia making progress?
- 6. How did he set out to accomplish this change? Describe the process, and what was learned.
- 7. What new educational institutions did he establish?
- 8. How did Peter introduce western culture into Russia? How did Russians react to it? What happened to beards?
- 9. Who had to pay the taxes for Peter's great schemes? What was the increase in the tax rate between 1680 and 1724? List six things that were taxed in Peter the Great's Russia.
- 10. Who were the Streltsy? What did they try to do? How did Peter deal with them?
- 11. How did Peter change the following things for Russians: the calendar, clothing, books and newspapers, food, universities, foreign travel.