**Lesson 18 Guided Reading**

1. The term nation state combines two ideas. What are they?
2. What is an ethnic group?
3. Define state.
4. Define nation.
5. A nation-state is a country whose people mostly share a common \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. How large was the Soviet Union in terms of area?
7. How large was the Soviet population?
8. Define superpower. (Not comic book definitions here!)
9. Define failed state.
10. What are the five critical factors to the success of a nation-state?
11. From 1945- 1990, what two countries were the world’s greatest superpowers?
12. What is the most important job of a nation-state?
13. How did the secret police undermine the security of the Russian people?
14. Can you name a country that would be an example of a failed nation-state?
15. Define dictator.
16. What is the gross domestic product (GDP)?
17. Define life expectancy.
18. Define infant mortality rate.
19. What impact will an improved quality of life have on a country’s life expectancy and infant mortality rate?
20. Define patriotism.
21. Define nationalism.
22. How did nationalism help break up the Soviet Union?
23. How can ethnic loyalty impact nationalism?
24. Define arid.
25. What is Kazakhstan’s greatest resource?
26. Why does Kazakhstan face environmental issues?
27. Where does most of Azerbaijan’s wealth come from?
28. What happened to the oil in Azerbaijan when they were a part of the Soviet Union?
29. How has ethnic conflict affected Azerbaijan?
30. What does the geography of Belarus look like?
31. What is the main source of wealth for Belarus?
32. Why will some arts of Belarus never be able to be farmed?
33. How did Russia treat Belarus while it was a part of the Soviet Union?
34. What are the three Baltic States?
35. What do farmers grow in Lithuania?
36. When did Lithuania become a country?
37. How have Belarus and Lithuania differed in their foreign policies since the breakup of the Soviet Union (hint: primary trading partners)?
38. What economic advantages does Russia have?
39. What is the primary reason for Russia’s recent economic growth?
40. List several challenges facing Russia today.
41. How did Russians respond when Chechnya declared independence in 1991?
42. How many Chechens have died in their conflict with Russia?