BOOK WORK #4

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**DIRECTIONS:** In a different color pen – or in pencil – read the suggested responses to the questions you answered and edit them for clarity and accuracy.

2. Many of the events during Peter the Great’s rule impacted Russia such as his visitation of western Europe in 1698. While there he discovered many of the advanced features of Europe such as modern tools, manufacturing techniques, educational opportunities, art/literature, and navigational techniques and advancement in ship building. His trip inspired him to compete with Europe militarily and economically (trade) hoping to increase Russia’s global power and influence. Thus, the most impactful action taken by Peter would be the Westernization of Russia as it laid the groundwork for Russia’s future economic and political power.

4. PTG believed a warm weather port would allow Russia to access Europe easier through travel and trade. A warm weather port was the only way for Russia to compete with Europe. Travel would allow Russians to be exposed to educational opportunities that existed in Europe, but because Russia was geographically isolated, their ability to adopt technologies and ideas through education were limited. This new port would enable Russia to become a new global and political force.

5. PTG westernized Russia by: introducing potatoes which became a common food for Russia’s people helping feed and grow the population. He started Russia’s first newspaper exposing citizens to news and events of the day. He raised the status of women creating a semi-egalitarian society and having women begin to look at him as their liberator. He ordered nobles to abandon their old ways of dressing and grooming by having them cut their beards and dress in a more western fashion. He opened schools for navigation and schools of the humanities to advance and allow European knowledge inside his country for his people. Finally, he established a new city named after himself, St. Petersburg, which was deemed a “window to Europe,” so his country could easily travel to and from Europe in an attempt to reform the culture and government of Russia.