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ABSTRACT

This subunit, consisting of an introduction and geography of the USSR, is part of a unit on the USSR, one of four resource units for an eleventh grade course on area studies. The introduction contains suggested teaching procedures for each part of the USSR unit and objectives for the introduction. The section on geography focuses on developing an idea of the potential of the area for industrial and agricultural growth. It begins by having pupils study a physical map and set up hypotheses about other physical features and human activities in the USSR. The hypotheses are checked against other maps and data, hypotheses are developed about other features, which are also checked against various kinds of data. A teacher's guide to the entire course is SO 006 320. A teacher's supplement to the unit on the USSR is SO 006 324; other subunits of the USSR are SO 006 326, SO 006 327, and SO 006 328. (Author/KSM)

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- a) Introduction
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Union. Since the geographer is interested in what makes one area of the world different from other areas, he must perforce analyze historical factors which make an area different and must also study present-day economic, political and social features which help differentiate the U.S.S.R. from other parts of the world. In this sense, the whole unit deals with material which the geographer must consider in a study of the Soviet Union. More particularly, the geographer would certainly include a study of Soviet agriculture and industry. Part II of this resource unit does include material on agricultural production and problems, on resources, and on industrial production and centers. However, the ways of organizing agriculture and industry are left to the section dealing with the economic system.

Although this section of the unit begins by focusing upon physical geography, the teacher must make sure that pupils analyze ways in which man uses and modifies the cultural environment in terms of his cultural values, perceptions, and level of technology. After pupils set up hypotheses about the influence of certain physical features, they should be forced to test them in the light of other maps, charts and reading materials. In so doing, they will find that they must modify generalizations if these generalizations have been stated too broadly or have implied geographical determinism. There is a great deal of material in Part II which is designed to help pupils learn about the cultural use and modification of the environment.

Part III of this outline of content deals with the history of Russia. This section is presented in two different outlines, as follows:

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2. Students should consider once again the amount and kind of help they got from the different social scientists in their attempts to study foreign problems related to the U.S.S.R.
3. Pupils should also discuss the following question: Are there other benefits gained from the work done by each kind of social scientist as he studies the Soviet Union? (For example, can we learn anything about cultural change or totalitarianism etc., which has broader implications than just our relations with the Soviet Union?) Have pupils prepare a list of generalizations.

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OBJECTIVES FOR INTRODUCTION

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GENERALIZATIONS

1. The world is a community of interdependent countries. (Important political happenings in one part of the world affect other parts.)
2. The international system may be looked at as a series of power relationships.
3. There are many sources of power in dealing with other countries.
 - a. Military capacity is an important factor in the development of national power. It is not the only one or even the dominant one.
 - b. Industrial capacity is an important component of national power.
 - c. Scientific and technological developments provide an important component of national power.
4. Decision-making in a large, complex society is shared by several groups and is subject to varying influences and limitations.
 - a. The institutions of government constitute the arenas or the structure within which authoritative decisions of the political process are made.
5. It is easier for a totalitarian system to make drastic changes than it is for a democracy to do so.
 - b. The decision-maker reacts from other decision-makers from the outside.
6. The unity and homogeneity of totalitarianism demands is the pluralism of liberal democracy.
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1. Attacks problems in a rational manner.

- a. Sets up hypotheses.
- b. Considers alternative courses of action.
- c. Deduces possible consequences from hypotheses (if-then statements) to guide collection of data.
- d. Considers the relevance of each of the social science disciplines, and uses the types of questions asked and the analytical concepts used in the relevant disciplines to help him analyze the problem.

2. Locates information.

- a. Uses appropriate reference books to locate information.

3. Gathers information.

- a. Interprets graphs.
 - 1) Draws inferences from graphs.
 - 2) Looks for misleading graphic devices.
- b. Draws inferences from tables.

4. Uses effective geographic skills.

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- 2) Compares areas with known areas.

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OUTLINE OF CONTENT

- I. The Soviet Union is one of the two most powerful countries in the world. What it does affects the life of every American.

TEACHING PROCEDURES

MATERIALS OF INSTRU

Initiatory Activities

1. Prepare a bulletin board showing the importance of the U.S.S.R. in world affairs.

2. Give pupils a pretest to find out what they know about Soviet power and to see if they have some of the common stereotypes about the U.S.S.R. Discuss briefly or at least have pupils tabulate results to find out degree of agreement within the class and the degree to which the class as a whole holds misconceptions.

See "Teacher's Supplement to Unit on U.S.S.R." a sample pretest.

3. Read aloud two quotations, one from Frankel on the ideas expressed by a Soviet citizen about the U.S. and another from Bronfenbrenner on the ideas American children have about the Soviet Union. Discuss: Do you think the Soviet citizen's views of the U.S. indicate a good understanding of the U.S.? Why or why not? Do you think the American children's views about the U.S.S.R. represent a good understanding of the Soviet Union? Why or why not? What errors are the American children falling into as they give reasons why the Soviets plant trees along roads? What errors does the Soviet citizen fall into as he lists problems in the U.S.? Discuss the quotations briefly in order to suggest the importance of studying the Soviet Union in some depth.

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4. Have pupils examine a globe and political-physical maps of the Soviet Union and of North America. Ask: How does the U.S.S.R. compare in size with the U.S.? with China? with North America? (At this point, do not try to have pupils be too accurate in their comparisons.) Then have pupils use the maps to make more accurate comparisons. Use a, b, and c or d (1, 2, 3, 4).
- Globe, and string.
Political-physical maps of U.S.S.R. and North America.

- a. Have pupils count the number of degrees of latitude covered by the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. and multiply each degree by 70 miles to figure out the approximate north-south distance for both countries. Have them count the number of degrees of latitude for the U.S. and Canada combined and multiply by 70 miles to compare this distance with the north-south distance in the Soviet Union. Ask: Why use the grid rather than the map scale to compare distances on these two maps?
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- b. Have pupils count the number of degrees of longitude covered by the U.S. at the 49th parallel. Have them measure this distance off in degrees from the western border of the Soviet Union along the 49th parallel. Now have the pupils measure the number of degrees of longitude covered by the Soviet Union at 60 degrees north latitude (on approximate latitude of Leningrad). At this point, one degree of longitude equals about 34.6 miles. Have pupils figure out the distance across the Soviet Union at this latitude. Compare this distance with the distance across the U.S. Now have pupils
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measure the number of degrees of longitude between Kaliningrad (old Königsberg) on the Baltic Sea and the Bering Strait at Cape Dezhnev. Compare this figure (about 170 degrees) with the figure for the number of degrees of longitude which would cover half the distance around the earth at this parallel.

- c. Have pupils figure out the distances in time between the most eastern and most western parts of the U.S. and between the following places in the Soviet Union: Kaliningrad and Cape Dezhnev; Moscow and Vladivostok.

Physical-political maps of U.S. and of U.S.S.R.

Ask: Suppose you lived in Kaliningrad and got up at 6:30 in the morning. What time would it be then at Cape Dezhnev? Suppose you ate lunch in Kaliningrad at 12:00 noon. What time would it be then in Cape Dezhnev? What time is it in Vladivostok when it is 7:00 in the morning in Moscow? When it is 12:00 noon in Moscow? (Remind pupils that each 15 degrees of longitude makes a difference of 1 hour in sun time.) Compare the number of time zones in the U.S.S.R. and in the U.S.

- d. Have pupils use a string to measure and compare the following distances on the globe. (Use the string to measure off distances for bar charts on the chalkboard.)

Globe and piece of string.

- 1) The greatest north-south distance in the Soviet Union as compared with the greatest north-south distance in the U.S. and the greatest north-south distance in the U.S. and Canada combined.
- 2) The greatest east-west distance in the Soviet Union as compared to the greatest east-west dis-

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- 3) The distance between Moscow and New York as compared to the distance between Moscow and Vladivostok.
- 4) The distance between Kaliningrad and Cape Dezhnev as compared to the distance between San Francisco and London. Ask: Why measure distances with a string on the globe rather than on a world map?

5. Do one of the following to help pupils make a more careful comparison of areas.

- a. Have several pupils use the globe to make a rough tracing of the U.S. on a piece of tracing paper. (This will be a rough sketch since the globe is round. However, pupils can cut and paste tucks in the paper to make it fit the surface of the globe better.) Pupils should make as many of these tracings as they find they need to fill in the area of the U.S.S.R. on the globe. They will find that they must cut the last one because it is too large to fit in the remaining space.

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c. Or show pupils an overlay map showing the U.S.S.R. with map of the U.S. superimposed over the U.S.S.R. and then with a map of North America superimposed over the U.S.S.R. Ask: What kind of map projection do you think I used to make this overlay? Why did I choose this kind rather than a Mercator projection? If pupils cannot answer these questions, use one of a number of devices to help them detect distortion on a Mercator map. For example, you might have them:

- 1) Compare grid on globe and on Mercator map to figure out distortions. (Start with this procedure and use others only if necessary.)
- 2) Or compare areas on globe with some areas on Mercator projection.
- 3) Or compare different east-west distances across U.S.S.R. on globe and make a bar chart showing these distances for different longitudes. Now do the same for the U.S.S.R. on a Mercator map.
- 4) Discuss: If a Mercator map distorts area and distance to such a degree, why do you think people ever use this kind of map projection? (This question is designed to review what pupils have learned in earlier grades. However, it may be necessary to have pupils examine shapes and directions on the Mercator map, a globe, and other projections such as an equal-area projection in order to understand the possible uses of a Mercator map.)

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6. Discuss possible sources or references to use in looking up area and population figures for U.S.S.R. and U.S. Then have a pupil look up the total square miles found within the Soviet Union, the U.S., and China. Have him make a bar graph to compare these areas.

An Almanac.

7. Have another pupil look up the total population of the U.S.S.R., China, India, and the U.S. He should make a bar graph to show these population differences. Show the class a pictograph comparing the present populations of these four countries. Use symbols which differ in size rather than numbers. Compare with pupil's bar graph. Discuss: Which is the better style of graph to use? Why? The pupil might also find out the estimated total world population and make a pie graph to show the proportion of the world population found in each of these countries. Discuss: Why is it difficult to make really accurate comparisons between population figures for different countries?

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8. Ask: Suppose you were a demographer or a scientist interested in population growth and population characteristics. You wish to make an estimate of the probable population of the U.S.S.R. and of the U.S. for 1975. What figures would you look at? Show pupils a bar graph comparing estimates of population totals for these countries in 1975. Ask: Suppose you are a Soviet propagandist and wish to make this probable increase look very great. Which of the following graphs would you use? Suppose you are an American who wishes to make this increase appear small. Which would you use? (Show graphs which exaggerate or minimize growth by using devices such as not using 0 on scale, varying size of vertical or horizontal scale, etc.)

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For examples of misleading graphic devices, see Huff, How to Lie With Statistics.

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S. Distinguishes between difficulty of proof.

S. Checks on the completeness of data and is wary of generalizations based on insufficient evidence.

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9. Discuss: Is a large population more of an asset or liability to a country? (Let pupils set up hypotheses to check on during the rest of this unit and course. Be sure to have them deduce possible consequences from their hypotheses (if-then statements) which might be used to guide their collection of data for testing the hypotheses.

10. Have pupils read recent articles comparing Soviet and American military strength. Or show films or slides on arms races, such as the arms race between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Have pupils compare the military strength of the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Discuss: Does the side which this country has been that it has nothing to fear from the other in case of war? Have pupils look for newspaper and magazine articles on the military race during the course of this unit.

If pupils have found differing estimates of Soviet and U.S. military strength, discuss the reasons for these differences. How do Americans arrive at their figures? (Discuss the difficulty of getting accurate figures on the U.S.S.R. and the fact that our figures are estimates.) If pupils have not found differing accounts, you should still discuss the difficulty of obtaining such data on the Soviet Union and of proving the statements made.

11. Prepare a bulletin board on "U.S. - U.S.S.R. Showdowns, 1945 to the Present." Read aloud brief excerpts from newspapers or magazines of the time of each crisis to show the danger Americans perceived in each crisis.

Use Reader's Guide to locate most recent materials. For a 1965 article of the arms race, see the Reader's Guide to the Soviet Challenge, p. 11. For a 1965 article of nuclear forces, see Scholastic Book Service Editors, The Soviet Union, p. 124.

See "Teacher's Supplement to Unit on U.S.S.R. examples of excerpts

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Read recent articles comparing Soviet military strength. Do show class groups articles such as "The Soviet Challenge," "The Soviet Union: A New Superpower," and "The Soviet Union: A New Superpower." Discuss the articles and have pupils discuss the military strength of the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. and the reasons why this country has no reason to be afraid from the other. In case of a military race during the course of

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12. Depending upon the background of pupils, you may wish to spend a little time having pupils read about and analyze the possible dangers of an atomic war. If you think pupils already have a fairly good understanding of the dangers, you might have pupils write one of the following imaginary accounts:
- An archaeologist's report of excavations in the U.S.--written in the year 2065 A.D.
 - A newspaper article written for an Argentine newspaper following an atomic war between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.
 - The diary of an American who lives through an atomic war by hiding out in a deep underground shelter far from any American city.
 - A Rip Van Winkle story of an American who was exploring a deep cave at the time an atomic war broke out between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. He falls asleep while still in the cave, knowing nothing about the war. He wakes up ten years later, leaves the cave, and compares life with what he knew before the war.

Read aloud several of the best papers or ditto them for pupils to read. Then discuss: Do you think these papers exaggerate the damage which would be inflicted by an atomic war between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.?

Now have pupils read some recent estimates of the amount of damage which could be expected in case of such a war as well as several quotations from Americans and Soviet leaders on the possibilities of a clash between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., the communist-capitalist struggle, and their views about the dangers of atomic destruction.

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6. Have pupils read some recent estimates of the amount of damage which could be expected in case of such a war. Have pupils read several quotations from Americans and Soviet writers about the possibilities of a clash between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., the communist-capitalist struggle, and the dangers of atomic destruction.

7. Do you think nuclear weapons make the job of the United States more difficult than before World War II when the U.S.S.R. was not a superpower?

See "Teacher's Supplement to Unit on the U.S.S.R." for possible quotations.

- S. Interprets graphs. (Draws inferences from graphs.)
- S. Draws inferences from tables.
- S. Uses simple statistical devices for analyzing data.

D. The U.S.S.R. is the second most industrial power in the world, been growing at a faster rate than U.S. during the past two decades though its growth rate slowed down time and was surpassed by that of In 1962-1963.

- G. There are many sources of national power in dealing with other countries. (Industrial capacity is an important component of national power.)
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13. Show the class graphs comparing the industrial production of the U.S. and of the U.S.S.R. in the 1960's. Ask: Which country was producing more? Now show the class a table presenting the comparative dollar values of the GNP in the U.S., the U.S.S.R., West Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan, France, and Italy in 1964. Ask: How did the U.S.S.R. rank in total economic output?

For a graph of industrial production, see Russia, p. 66, showing GNP and rates for the U.S.S.R., and the countries mentioned in "Teacher's Supplement" on U.S.S.R.

Now show pupils a chart comparing rates of economic growth from 1950-1964. (Be sure to review what students learned in the tenth grade course about the meaning of the economic growth rate.) Ask: Which country was growing fastest from 1958 to 1964? How did the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. growth rates compare for 1960? 1961? 1962? 1963? 1964? What conclusions can you draw, if any, about the probable industrial strength of the U.S. and of the U.S.S.R. in the future? Why? (Make sure that students understand that the countries have shifted back and forth somewhat in the lead on growth rates, but that the U.S.S.R. has been ahead during the last two decades taken as a whole.) Also ask: Is it easier to maintain a high growth rate when industrial production has been low or when it has been high? Why?

14. Have pupils read and discuss a series of quotations from U.S. and Soviet sources on the threat to the U.S. from Soviet industrial growth. Also have them examine the Soviet figures comparing U.S. and Soviet growth. Discuss: Do you think that conditions have changed any since these people made their statements? (Have pupils explain their answers.) Why do you think the Soviets and different American economists come up with different figures on growth rates and industrial production? (Perhaps show pupils the chart in Campbell which compares different estimates on growth rates.)

See "Teacher's Supplement" to Unit on U.S. Economic Power, pp. 1-10.

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See "Teacher's Supplement to Unit on U.S.S.R." for quotations. Campbell, *Soviet Economic Power*, pp. 48.

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- G. The institutions of government constitute the arenas or the structure within which the authoritative decisions of the political process are made.
- G. It is easier for a totalitarian system to make drastic changes rapidly than it is for a democratic system to do so.
- G. Decision-making in a democracy is shared by several groups and is subject to varying influences and limitations.
- G. The decision-maker reacts to pressures from other decision-makers and to pressures from outside the government.
- G. The unity and homogeneity of life which totalitarianism demands is contrary to the pluralism of liberal democracy.
- G. There are many sources of national power in dealing with other nations. (Scientific and technological developments provide an important component of national power.)

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Also discuss: Do you think the MIT professor is justified in his gloom? Why or why not? Do we have enough information to be sure of our conclusions? Why or why not?

15. In a class of capable students, you might have pupils read an excerpt from Adlai Stevenson's Friends and Enemies on the peril the U.S. faces if it does not decide to make the necessary sacrifices to meet the Soviet competition. Discuss: Do you think that the position of the U.S. is better or worse than Stevenson predicted in 1959? Do you agree with Stevenson's analysis of American weaknesses? Why or why not?

Adlai Stevenson, Friends and Enemies, pp. x

16. Ask: Can you think of any recent scientific "first" or advance in the Soviet Union. Of what importance is this development to the U.S.?

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- S. Considers the relevance of each of the social science disciplines, and uses the types of questions asked and the analytical concepts used in the relevant disciplines to help him analyze the problem.
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17. Prepare a bulletin board display on conflict between the U.S.S.R. and Red China. Or read aloud headlines pointing out this conflict. Or have each pupil read a current article dealing with the conflict. Then discuss: How may the outcome of this conflict affect the U.S.? If you were President, how would you deal with the Soviet Union in the light of this conflict? Do you have enough information about either the Soviet Union or China to answer this question at the present time? Why or why not?

Use current articles.
Check Reader's Guide
Periodical Literature
articles published in
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18. Read aloud quotes from people advocating different policies toward the Soviet Union. What goals do these people hold as they suggest these policies? What assumptions are they making? Have pupils try to define their own goals for our relations with the U.S.S.R. Have them suggest other policy alternatives than those already quoted. Ask: Suppose you were President or the Secretary of State. What kinds of information would you want before trying to make up your mind about what foreign policies we should adopt in our dealings with the Soviet Union? What kinds of help can we get from the different social scientists in helping to answer such questions? What kinds of questions would each kind of social scientist ask about the Soviet Union? Does it matter whether or not American citizens are informed about the Soviet Union so long as the President, the State Department, and Congressmen are informed? Why? What advantages can you see to studying the U.S.S.R. other than getting help in determining our policies toward the Soviet Union?

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19. Display books on the Soviet Union (on a table or on the chalkboard rack). Or prepare a bulletin board display of book jackets of new books on the Soviet Union.
20. Give pupils an overview for the entire area-study, pointing out the way in which it will be broken into sub-units and the ways in which the questions they have raised will be studied.

OBJECTIVES FOR SUB-UNIT ON GEOGRAPHY

The sub-unit on geography should make progress toward developing the following

GENERALIZATIONS

1. Man uses his physical environment in terms of his cultural values, perceptions, and level of technology.
 - a. Whether or not a country's size provides more advantages or disadvantages depends upon the problems its inhabitants face at a particular time, upon their goals, and upon their level of technology.
 - b. The significance of location depends upon cultural developments both within and outside a country.
 - c. The topography of a region may present limitations given a specific level of technology; however, man has learned to overcome many of the earlier limitations.
 - d. Obstacles to communication may be social as well as physical.
 - e. Climate may set up limitations upon man's activities given a specific level of technology, but man has learned to overcome many of the earlier limitations.
 - f. Types of agriculture in a region depend upon man's cultural perceptions, and technology, as well as upon climate, soils, and physical features of an area.
 - g. Population distribution in a region depends upon man's cultural values and his technology, as well as upon the physical features of an area.
2. Temperature is affected by latitude from the equator, elevation, distance from warm water bodies, prevailing air pressure systems, ocean currents, and physical features which reflect heat from certain directions.
 - a. Places in the interior of a continent tend to have greater extreme temperatures than places along the coast.
 - 1) The ocean and other large bodies of water do not heat up as fast as land.
 - 2) Winds which blow over the ocean (or land) carry the warm air to nearby land.
3. The rotation of the earth produces day and night, while the inclination of the earth and its revolution around the sun produce the seasons.

*These objectives have also been taught in the Introduction to the overall course in the U.S.S.R.

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2) Winds which blow over warm bodies of water (or land areas) carry warm air to nearby land areas.

3. The rotation of the earth produces day and night, while the inclination of the earth and its revolution around the sun

result in seasons and differences in temperature on the earth's surface.

4. Rainfall is affected by distance from bodies of warm water, wind direction, temperature, and physical features which block winds carrying moisture.

5. Differing crops need differing amounts of rainfall and differing temperatures and number of frost-free days in order to grow; they need water and dryness at different times during their period of growth.

a. Vegetation is affected by temperature. (Grass will grow in some areas which are too cold for trees to grow.)

b. The land in hot regions dries fast as the warm air picks up moisture; therefore, more rain is needed to grow crops in these regions than in regions which are not so hot.

6. Soil in a particular place is affected by the type of basic rock in the region; the climate; vegetation; erosion; wind, glaciers and rivers which move soil; and by how man treats the soil.

7. Nature changes the face of the earth through biotic processes.

8. Some things can be produced better in one place than in another because of climate, resources, transportation routes,

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10. A region is an area of one or more homogeneous features. The core areas are typically homogeneous, but there are transitional zones where boundaries are defined between different regions.

11. Regions are delimited on many bases, depending upon the purpose of study; some are delimited on the basis of a single phenomenon, some on the basis of multiple phenomena, and some on the basis of functional relationships.

*12. An increase in population occurs when the birth rate plus immigration is greater than the death rate plus emigration.

13. Changes in the birth and death rates and in the ratio between sexes can have important effects upon a society.

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18. Foreign policy decisions are affected by ... consideration of national self-interest....

SKILLS

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1. Attacks problems in a rational manner.

*a. Sets up hypotheses.

b. Sets up ways of testing hypotheses.

2. Locates information.

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3. Gathers information.

*a. Interprets graphs and tables (Draws inferences from graphs and tables.)

4. Uses effective geographic skills.

a. Has a sense of distance and direction.

*1) Compares distances with known distances.

*2) Compares area with known areas.

b. Interprets maps.

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2) Draws inferences from maps by applying previously-learned principles and generalizations.

3) Draws inferences from a map by comparing it with a map of a different map pattern of the same area.

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5. Evaluates information.

*a. Checks on the completeness of data.

6. Organizes and analyzes data and draws conclusions.

*a. Tests hypotheses against data.

ATTITUDES

1. Is curious about social data.
2. Is sceptical of the finality of knowledge; considers generalizations and theories as tentative, always subject to change in the light of new evidence.
3. Respects evidence even when it contradicts preconceptions.
4. Believes that the social sciences can contribute to men's welfare by providing information and explanatory generalizations which help them achieve their goals.

SUB-UNIT ON GEOGRAPHY OF THE U.S.S.R.

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1. Give the class a pupil's guide to this sub-unit. Discuss possible individual and small group activities, and ask for pupil suggestions for other kinds of activities. Have pupils list their choices for activities in order of preference and turn their lists in at the end of the hour. Assign activities the next day, and give pupils a tentative schedule to show the days on which they are to be prepared with their activities. (This is a long unit, so each pupil should do several individual or small group activities.)
2. Have pupils try to figure out the importance of many of the physical features of the U.S.S.R. by studying different map patterns of that country. Have them set up a series of hypotheses as they study each map. They should check these hypotheses later against other maps, other kinds of data in tabular form, and other material. Because checking on the final hypotheses and implications of some of the country would require pupils to look at other maps before they can check their hypotheses to check with these maps, it is possible to have pupils set up as many hypotheses as possible from each map before moving on to the next one. You will have to tell pupils that they will check these hypotheses at a later date.

You should not try to teach the generalizations listed in column one as pupils set up hypotheses, nor should you teach the content listed in the outline of content. They are presented opposite the activities calling for hypotheses-making only so that the teacher will know the purpose of the activities in terms of unit generalizations and content and so that he will know better what questions to ask to stimulate hypotheses. Since the

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G. Man uses his physical environment in terms of his cultural values, perceptions, and level of technology.

G. Whether or not a country's size provides more advantages or disadvantages depends upon the problems inhabitants face at a particular time, upon their goals, and upon their level of technology.

1. Great size makes it more likely a country will have a varied resources for different kinds of cultural crops and industry.
2. Great size may make it easier for a country to support a large population, although size itself is not so important as is the size of the land which men can use productively, and in which men use the land for living.
3. The great size of Russia and the Soviet Union has permitted "Retreat" in past wars; invaders have been defeated by permitted to advance so far into Russia that transportation lines became effective military action given existing levels of technology.

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3. The great size of Russia and now the Soviet Union has permitted "Defense by Retreat" in past wars; invading armies have been defeated by permitting them to advance so far into Russia that their transportation lines became too long for effective military action given the existing levels of technology. This

content is listed at this point in the outline, it is not repeated later during activities designed to test the earlier hypotheses. However, the generalizations are listed again.

During the hypotheses-making stage of this sub-unit, you may wish to ask each student to develop his own list of hypotheses and then have a committee use them to develop a composite list. Or you may wish to develop a class list through a general class discussion, with a class secretary keeping a list of the suggested hypotheses as you write them on the chalkboard. Be sure to include and even attempt to stimulate contradictory hypotheses at this stage of the unit.

Begin with a political-physical map showing the Soviet Union in relation to its bordering countries. Ask: In what ways do you think that the great size of the Soviet Union has been of importance? Let pupils think of all of the possible ways they can and list them on the chalkboard as untested hypotheses. If necessary, stimulate pupil thinking by asking more detailed questions such as: Do you think that the great size could affect agriculture in any way? How? Do you think it could affect the kinds of resources which the Soviet Union might have? How? Do you think that it could have affected the development of transportation facilities? How? Do you think that its great size will have proved useful or a handicap in its wars with western and Far Eastern countries? Have pupils examine the long coast line of the Soviet Union. What do they think this long coastline might mean in terms of sea transport?

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Use a political-physical map showing the Soviet Union and its bordering countries. Ask: In what ways do you think that the great size of the Soviet Union is of importance? Let pupils think of all possible ways they can and list them on the chalkboard. Test the hypotheses. If necessary, stimulate thinking by asking more detailed questions such as: Do you think that the great size could affect agriculture in any way? How? Do you think it could affect the use of natural resources which the Soviet Union might have? Do you think that it could have affected the development of transportation facilities? How? Do you think that the great size will have proved useful or a handicap in wars with western and Far Eastern countries? Do you think that they should examine the long coast line of the Soviet Union? Do they think this long coastline might be of use in the development of sea transport?

Have pupils answer such questions, indicating their own possible hypotheses. They should not be allowed to answer just "yes" or "no." Do not try to

Political-physical map of U.S.S.R. showing countries which border on it.

S. Sets up ways of testing hypotheses.

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4. The great size of the Soviet Union combined with topography and climate make it difficult to develop transportation and communication facilities in the past; these difficulties are being reduced by technological developments and the use of more capital to develop transportation routes. Improved transportation has come a higher value for the people of the Soviet Union.

5. The great size and distances of the U.S.S.R. (east-west and north-south) have meant that parts of the Soviet Union are bound to be far from warm oceans. This in turn means that part of the country will have a continental climate of cold winters and hot summers.

G. The significance of location depends upon cultural developments both within and outside of a country.

B. The significance of the Soviet Union's location has depended upon cultural developments; however, the location has influenced the course of Russian history.

S. Sets up hypotheses.

1. Russia's location between West and East Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East turned it into a crossroad where people from all three areas; Russia adopted aspects of the culture of all three areas, so that Soviet culture differs from the culture in each of the other areas.

S. Sets up ways of testing hypotheses.

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4. The great size of the Soviet Union has combined with topography and climate to make it difficult to develop needed transportation and communication facilities in the past; these difficulties are being reduced by technological developments and the use of more capital to develop transportation routes now that improved transportation has come to hold a higher value for the people of the Soviet Union.
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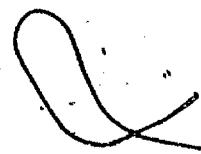
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have pupils test their hypotheses at the present time. Rather, encourage pupils to list hypotheses. Include conflicting hypotheses if pupils suggest them. Tell the students that they will test these hypotheses at a later point. However, at this time ask: How do you think we can test these hypotheses? What kinds of data do we need to test each of those we have listed?

3. Have pupils examine a physical-political map of the U.S.S.R. in relation to all of its neighbors. They should note the location of the two cultures which they have studied earlier (Western Europe in grade eleven and the Middle East in grade eight or nine). Then have pupils note the relative location of the U.S.S.R. in connection with cultures of the Far East. Ask: What significance do you think this central location between these three great culture areas may have had for Russia? Do not discuss hypotheses in detail at this time. Tell pupils they will do so at a later point in the unit. However, ask: How do you think we can check your guesses (or hypotheses)?

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2. Russia's location on the eastern end of the European plain has made it an important military objective for European expansion in the past.

3. Russia's location in relationship to other countries has meant that it has had no ports except in the Arctic that give access to open seas without having to go close to or through narrow passages dominated by other countries. The desire for ports on open seas was a contributing factor in the Russo-Japanese War and in Russia's struggles with Turkey.

Have pupils note the number of different countries which border on the U.S.S.R. Ask: What significance do you think this has for Soviet foreign affairs? (Have pupils set up hypotheses.)

4. Have pupils note the broad expanse of the plain which extends across Europe into the Soviet Union. Discuss: Do you think this lack of physical barrier in the days before airplanes may have had any influence upon the course of Russian history? Have pupils set up hypotheses to test. Do not try to test them at this time.

Physical-political U.S.S.R. showing countries which border upon it

5. Have pupils note the countries which control the outlets to some of the seas on which the Soviet Union has ports. What significance does this have for Soviet foreign policy? Have pupils set up hypotheses to test later.

Physical-political U.S.S.R. showing relations with Europe and also Middle East.

6. Show pupils a map of the areas acquired by the U.S.S.R. after World War II. Discuss: Why do you think the U.S.S.R. wanted these areas? Have pupils set up hypotheses to check against historians' conclusions as they study a later part of the unit.

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Note the broad expanse of the plain which extends from Europe into the Soviet Union. Discuss: What is the significance of this lack of physical barrier? In the days of the Silk Road, what influence upon the Russian history? Have pupils set up hypotheses and not try to test them at this time.

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Physical-political map of U.S.S.R. showing rest of Europe and also Middle East.

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S. Compares distances with known distances.

4. The U.S.S.R.'s location in relation to the Arctic Circle and Alaska made it a close neighbor of ours. Our defense system against nuclear planes has been built to guard against attack from the north. The proximity of the U.S.S.R.'s location to the Arctic has changed as a result of the development of nuclear missiles.

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7. Ask: Outside of Canada and Mexico, which country is our closest neighbor? Have several pupils examine the globe again. They should use a string to measure the distance between the northernmost edge of the Soviet Union and the northern edge of the U.S. (not counting Alaska). Have them use a string to measure the distance between the U.S. and other countries than Canada and Mexico. They might make a bar graph to compare these distances. (e.g. U.S.-U.S.S.R.; U.S.-Britain; U.S.-France; U.S.-China; U.S.-Cuba; etc.) Now have pupils measure the distance between the U.S.S.R. and Alaska and compare this distance with that between Florida and Cuba. Globe and string

Several other pupils might work together to measure the distances between their home town and different capitals of the world, including Moscow. They should also make a bar graph to illustrate their findings.

Have the class examine the bar graphs. The pupils who made them should explain how they made them and why they used the globe rather than a map to do so.

Discuss: What does the closeness between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. mean today? Do you think it meant the same thing before we had airplanes? before we had intercontinental missiles?

8. Have an able student give an illustrated oral report on our defense system against missiles and planes. Where are the defense systems placed? Discuss: In the modern age of missiles, could the U.S. set up a defense system against missiles without cooperating with other countries?

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One student give an illustrated oral report on the defense system against missiles and planes. Where are the defense systems placed? Discuss: In the modern world, could the U.S. set up a defense system against missiles without cooperating with other countries?

- S. Is in the habit of looking at places and events in terms of relative location.
5. The Soviet Union's location in northern latitudes has combined with other factors to give the country long days in summer and short days in winter, a relatively cold climate with a large area of permafrost, only a small area which is ice-free all year, and rivers which are frozen much of the year. The large areas with less than 150 frost-free days are not suitable for crops.
- a. About 4/5 of the country is north of the northern boundary of the zone with 150 frost-free days.
- b. The U.S.S.R. has a large area of permafrost in which the ground never thaws below the surface. This permafrost makes it difficult to grow certain kinds of crops and makes for poor drainage.
- c. A large part of the Soviet Union has too few frost-free days to grow many agricultural products without great expense. However, the Russians have developed an elaborate system of greenhouses to grow vegetables.
- S. Draws inferences from maps by applying previously-learned concepts and generalizations.
- G. Temperature is affected by the distance from the equator, distance from warm water bodies, prevailing winds, air pressure systems, ocean currents, and physical features which block winds from certain directions.
- S. Sets up ways of testing hypotheses.

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9. Have pupils look at a world map to note the relative location of the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. in terms of latitude. In less capable classes, perhaps have a pupil make a cut-out of the U.S. from the world map and move it into its appropriate position in terms of latitude over the southern part of the U.S.S.R. and the region south of the U.S.S.R. Have another pupil do the same thing with a cut-out map of North America. Place these cut-outs on clear plastic so that pupils can see through them. In other classes, use overlays to show the same thing. Or project a single-page overlay showing these two countries superimposed in this way. Use one of several sources.

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Now have pupils compare the locations of a number of cities or lakes in the Soviet Union and in the U.S. and Canada (e.g. Odessa on the Black Sea with Duluth; Kiev with Winnipeg; Leningrad with Skagway, Alaska; Moscow with Ketchikan, Alaska; Vladivostok with Halifax; Alma Ata in Middle Asia with Salt Lake City; Caspian Sea with the Great Lakes). At first do not tell pupils what cities to find which are relatively parallel with the Soviet cities. Have them think of their own possibilities.

10. Ask: What effect do you think this northerly location would have upon the Soviet Union? (If necessary ask more detailed questions to get pupils to set up hypotheses about possible effects upon temperature in general and more specifically upon ports, rivers, vegetation, agriculture or length of growing season between frosts, ease of invading Soviet Union, etc. Also ask: What effects would this northern location have upon the length of the day in summer? in winter?) Do not test pupils' hypotheses at this time. However, ask: What kinds of data should we examine to test our hypotheses?

Look at a world map to note the relative positions of the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. in terms of latitude. Capable classes, perhaps have a pupil cut out the U.S. from the world map and move it to its appropriate position in terms of latitude. Compare the northern part of the U.S.S.R. and the region of the U.S.S.R. Have another pupil do the same with a cut-out map of North America. Place these maps on clear plastic so that pupils can see. In other classes, use overlays to show the same. Or project a single-page overlay showing the two countries superimposed in this way. Use one of the following.

1. Compare the locations of a number of cities in the Soviet Union and in the U.S. and compare the effects of these locations. For example, Odessa on the Black Sea with Duluth; Kiev with Seattle; Leningrad with Skagway, Alaska; Moscow with Anchorage, Alaska; Vladivostok with Halifax; Alma Ata with Salt Lake City; Caspian Sea with the Gulf of Mexico. At first do not tell pupils what the effects are which are relatively parallel with the locations. Have them think of their own possibilities.

2. Do you think this northerly location is typical of the Soviet Union? (If necessary ask questions to get pupils to set up hypotheses about the possible effects upon temperature in general and specifically upon ports, rivers, vegetation, length of growing season between frosts, etc. in the Soviet Union, etc. Also ask: What effects do you think this northern location have upon the length of the growing season? In summer? In winter?) Do not test pupils' hypotheses at this time. However, ask: What kinds of experiments can you examine to test our hypotheses?

World map. For example of maps of U.S. and U.S.S.R. superimposed in terms of appropriate latitudes, see Deasy et al. World's Nations, p. 563 or Scholastic Book Service, Editors, The Soviet Union, p. 6.

G. Vegetation is affected by temperature. (Grass will grow in some areas which are too cold for trees to grow.)

G. Differing crops need differing temperatures and number of frost-free days in order to grow. . . .

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

G. The rotation of the earth produces day and night, while the inclination of the earth and its revolution around the sun result in seasons and differences in temperature on the earth's surface.

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

G. Temperature is affected by. . . ocean currents. . . .

G. Foreign policy decisions are affected by. . . considerations of national self-interest. . . .

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d. At times the cold winters have helped the Russians against invading armies.

e. Soviet rivers are frozen over much of the year, thus making rivers less useful for river traffic.

f. The U.S.S.R.'s northern location has very long days in the summer which help overcome the shortness of the frost-free period.

g. The Soviet Union has only one ice-free port which is ice-free all year round because of the warm currents which sweep up and around Scandinavia. However, this port is in an area which ships meet frequent and violent storms. It is also distant from major centers of population. Lack of warm water ports has been an important factor in a number of wars. Russia has tried to acquire land to give it ports which would be open more months during the year.

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11. Show pupils charts of the length of day at different latitudes in summer and winter. Have them check their hypotheses about the length of days at different times of year in the Soviet Union.

Charts may be found
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12. Have a committee prepare a bulletin board display on "Seaports in the U.S.S.R." The display should include a large map showing the major ports. There should be a card listing the advantages and disadvantages of each port. Each card should be connected to the appropriate place on the map by colored string.

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- G. Man uses his physical environment in terms of his cultural values, perceptions, and level of technology.
- S. Draws inferences from maps by applying previously-learned concepts and generalizations.
- S. Sets up hypotheses.
- S. Sets up ways of testing hypotheses.
- G. Temperature is affected by the distance from warm water bodies, prevailing winds, air pressure systems, ocean currents, and physical features which block winds from certain directions.
- G. Places in the interior of continents tend to have greater extremes of temperature than places along the coast.
- G. The ocean and other large bodies of water do not heat up as rapidly as land nor cool so rapidly as land.
- h. The Soviet Union has developed the Northern Sea Route whose operation must use ice-breakers and planes to help ships move from one northern port to another during several months of the year. The lack of a route made it necessary for the Soviet Union to send its navy around the Cape of Africa during its war with Japan in 1905.
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13. After the class has studied the bulletin board display, ask: Suppose you were the Soviet leaders and wished to use the northern ports more months in the year. What steps might you take? Let pupils discuss the possibilities briefly. Then read aloud brief excerpts from Cressy to describe what the Soviets have done and the importance of the Northern Sea Route to the U.S.S.R.

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14. Have pupils look at the location of the U.S.S.R. in relationship to the Atlantic Ocean. Ask: In what direction do the prevailing winds blow in this latitude? (Pupils should know from study of Western Europe.) What do you think the location means in terms of the kind of climate which the Soviet Union would have (temperature and rainfall)? Again have pupils set up hypotheses to test but do not try to test them at this time. Ask: How do you think you can check these hypotheses?

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Physical-political map of U.S.S.R. and Europe.

G. Winds which blow over warm bodies of water (or land areas) carry warm air to nearby land areas.

G. Rainfall is affected by distance from bodies of warm water, wind direction, etc.

S. Draws inferences from maps by applying previously-learned concepts and generalizations.

S. Sets up hypotheses.

S. Sets up ways of testing hypotheses.

G. Temperature is affected by the distance from the equator, . . . distance from warm water bodies, . . . and physical features which block winds from certain directions.

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G. Rainfall is affected by distance from bodies of warm water, wind direction, etc.

7. The U.S.S.R.'s location in relation to the Arctic Ocean, combined with lack of mountains to the north helped to make the northern part of the country much colder.

8. The U.S.S.R.'s location in relation to prevailing winds and high air pressure systems has helped give the country a cold, dry climate.

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15. Have pupils look at the location of the U.S.S.R. in relationship to the North Pole and the Arctic Ocean. Have them also note the landforms (or lack of mountains) in the northern part of European Russia and western and central Siberia. Ask: What effect do you think this location and lack of mountains may mean in terms of weather in the northern part of the Soviet Union? Why? Again have pupils set up hypotheses to test later. Ask: How do you think you can test these hypotheses?

Map of U.S.S.R. or

16. Place a large sheet of plastic over the physical map or project a physical map transparency with an overhead projector. Use a china marking pencil to draw in the high and low pressure systems and wind directions in January. Note the relationship between the high pressure system in Central Siberia and the winds during this time. Ask: How do you think the U.S.S.R.'s location in terms of this high pressure center and the prevailing winds affects rainfall and temperature during the winter time? Now show a plastic overlay with the low pressure system and prevailing winds in the summer time. Ask: How do you think the location of the U.S.S.R. in relationship to this kind of weather pattern in the

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Map of U.S.S.R. or globe.

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- S. Draws inferences from maps by applying previously learned concepts and generalizations to new data.
- S. Sets up hypotheses.
- S. Sets up ways of testing hypotheses.

- S. Interprets map symbols (color layers).

- G. Man uses his physical environment in terms of his cultural values, perceptions, and level of technology.
- G. The topography of a region may present limitations given a specific level of technology.
- S. Sets up hypotheses.
- S. Differentiates between small-scale and large-scale maps and knows when to use each.

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- b. Prevailing winds keep the Pacific Ocean from bringing much warmth from the Pacific during the winter time as winds were from the opposite direction.

B. The Soviet Union's topography has been important for a number of reasons; it has learned to overcome some of the limitations placed upon him by this topography earlier in history.

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summer time affects rainfall and temperature? Do not discuss at this point. Just set up hypotheses and possible reasons. (Be sure to have pupils look at Far Eastern part of country as well as western part of Soviet Union as they try to figure out hypotheses.) Ask: How do you think you can check these hypotheses?

- 17. Prepare a bulletin board display showing a physical map of the Soviet Union with photographs illustrating many of the places shown on the map. The photographs should be connected to the appropriate places on the map with colored string.

Physical map of and photos of U.S.S.R.

- 18. Now have pupils look at a physical map of the U.S.S.R. in more detail. Also project a large scale map of the Urals. (You may wish to show pupils comparative sketches of profiles of the Urals and the Appalachians looking at them from the west or from the east. Also have pupils measure the east-west width of the Urals as compared with the Appalachians at several different points.) Ask: What are the advantages or disadvantages of large-scale and small-scale maps? Ask: Do you think the Urals provided any barrier to invasion from either the east or west prior to the invention of the airplane? Why or why not? Do you think they provided any barrier to eastward expansion by the Russians prior to the development of the airplane? Why or why not? (Have pupils set up hypotheses to test in the next activity.)

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Physical map of U.S.S.R.
See Lydolph; Geography of
the U.S.S.R., p. 134 for
map of Urals.
Physical map of the U.S.
or of the eastern part of
the U.S.

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

S. Interprets maps by applying previously learned generalizations.

S. Sets up hypotheses.

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much moisture from the Pacific during the mon-
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mean peninsula; however, the lack of high
mountains in the greater part of northern
U.S.S.R. means that there is no barrier to
cold Arctic winds except the high pressure

19. Have a pupil give a report on the physical problems facing Napoleon during the Napoleonic Invasion of Russia. Have another pupil give a similar report on the physical problems facing the Germans during their invasion of World War II. Be sure to have pupils compare the area invaded by the Germans with the area east of the Mississippi in the U.S. Discuss: Do you think your hypothesis was correct? (Or, which of your hypotheses do you think is borne out by the evidence thus far?) Do you think that the principle of defense by retreat would hold true if the Soviet Union were to go to war with a country in the Far East? How far would Japan have to invade the U.S.S.R. to reach the first important industrial complex? Suppose a war were to break out between the Soviet Union and China. Would this principle of defense by retreat be of help?

Now have a pupil report on the military difficulties which faced the Russian government during the Russo-Japanese War in 1905. Discuss: Do you think that the great size of Russia had anything to do with the defeat? What other aspects of Russian physical features seem to have been involved? What cultural factors seem to have been involved?

20. Have pupils look at the high mountainous areas in southern and eastern U.S.S.R. Ask: What effect do you think these mountains would have upon rainfall in different parts of the Soviet Union? Why? What effect do you think they would have upon temperatures in the Soviet Union? Why? What do you think the effect is of a lack of high mountains in the northern part of the U.S.S.R.? (Let pupils set up hypotheses about temperatures and rainfall to check later.) You may wish to prepare a cut-out bulletin board to remind pupils of the effects

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3. Look at the high mountainous areas in southeastern U.S.S.R. Ask: What effect do you think the mountains would have upon rainfall in different parts of the Soviet Union? Why? What effect do you think the mountains would have upon temperatures in the Soviet Union? Why? What do you think the effect is of a lack of mountains in the northern part of the U.S.S.R.? (Pupils set up hypotheses about temperatures and check later.) You may wish to prepare a bulletin board to remind pupils of the effects

See world history textbooks. Scholastic Book Services Editors, The Soviet Union, pp. 32-33, 129-130. Lengyel, The Soviet Union, pp. 1-2.

See also "Selected Readings on Russian History."

Physical map of U.S.S.R.

-51- system during the winter time.

- S. Tests hypotheses against data.
- S. Interprets map symbols (Isolines).
- G. Unevenly distributed phenomena form distinctive patterns on the map.

- S. Applies previously-learned concepts and generalizations to new data.
- G. Temperature is affected by the distance from the equator, elevation, distances from warm water bodies, prevailing winds, air pressure systems, ocean currents, and physical features which block winds from certain directions.

of high mountain barriers upon rainfall. An illustration is shown in an article by James R. Smith, "Bulletin Boards in Geography," The Journal of Geography, 58: 301-303 (September, 1959).

21. Now have pupils check their many hypotheses about temperature and rainfall against three kinds of sources. First, have them examine climatic maps of the Soviet Union showing temperatures and rainfall in January and in July, and maps showing the number of frost-free months in different parts of the Soviet Union. (Review the use of isometric lines on maps.) Second, have pupils examine climatic data charts for selected cities in the Soviet Union.

For maps see: Geography of the Soviet Union, pp. 16-17; Climatic Potential, 48-49; Regional Atlas of the Soviet Union, Dossy, et. al., Nations, pp. 5-6. For climatic data tables, see: Climatic Potential, p. 48; chart on map of the Oxford Regional Atlas of the U.S.S.R., Wheeler, et. al., Atlas of the World,

22. Perhaps have a pupil translate temperature data into a series of graphs comparing Soviet cities with U.S. or Canadian cities at the same latitude. (Compare the temperatures of western Soviet cities with temperatures of west coast cities in the Americas. Compare east coast cities in both America and the Soviet Union. Compare southern, interior cities in the U.S.S.R. with interior cities in the U.S.) Or compare Moscow and Leningrad temperatures with temperatures in Minneapolis which is further south. Have the class examine these graphs. Then ask: How do you account for these differences of temperature for cities at the same latitude?

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- S. Compares areas with known areas.
- G. Climate may set up limitations upon man's activities given a specific level of technology, but man has learned to overcome many of the earlier limitations.

- S. Draws inferences from maps by applying previously-learned concepts and generalizations.
- S. Sets up hypotheses.
- G. The topography of a region may present limitations given a specific level of technology; however, man has learned to overcome many of the earlier limitations.

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4. The lack of much relief on many of the northern plains has combined with the permafrost to give the U.S.S.R. large sections of poorly-drained and swampy lands.

5. A large part of Russia (about one-eighth) is too mountainous or hilly to make good crop land under present technological conditions.

- 23. Compare the area of permafrost in the U.S.S.R. with the area of the U.S. Perhaps show the class a map which indicates areas where there are also islands of permafrost outside of the main area.

Read aloud Cressey's description of the permafrost. Or have a pupil present an illustrated report on the effects of permafrost in Siberia. He should compare the changes reported from the 1960 article to the 1967 article.

For map, see Map of the U.S.S.R. Deasy, et. al. tions, p. 603. Cressey, Sovle p. 46., paragr Sochurek, "Rus lands," Life, Conger, "Siber Frozen Frontie Geographic, Mc 297-345.

- 24. Once again show pupils the temperature maps of the U.S.S.R. and have them examine these in relationship to the physical map. Ask: What effects do you think the physical relief of these northern plains areas combined with the temperature in these areas would have upon drainage? Would you expect to have well-drained land or swampy land? Why? (Have pupils set up hypotheses to test later.)

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- 25. Once again show the class a physical map of the U.S.S.R. Ask: Are there any parts of the Soviet Union where you think it would be difficult to grow crops because of physical relief? Where? How much of the country is too mountainous or hilly to make good crop land under present technological conditions? What could be done to increase the amount of hilly land used for crops?

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For map, see Mellor, Geography of the U.S.S.R., p. 53 or Deasy, et. al., World's Nations, p. 603.

Cressey, Soviet Potentials, p. 46, paragraph 2.

Sochurek, "Russia's Remote Lands," Life, June 13, 1960.

Conger, "Siberia: Russia's Frozen Frontier," National Geographic, Mch., 1967, pp. 297-345.

Physical map of the U.S.S.R. Maps of Jan. and July temperature in the U.S.S.R.

Physical-political map of the U.S.S.R.

6. The lack of much relief on the plains has made it less expensive to build railroads and roads; however, poor drainage and peat bogs have made it difficult to build transportation routes in some areas or to keep them in good repair. Air traffic can overcome some of these handicaps, although it is too expensive as yet to move heavy goods.
7. The high mountains have made it difficult to build good roads and railroads in parts of Russia; as a result, these areas have been relatively isolated and are making transportation to them easier, and technological developments have made it easier to build roads and roads in these areas.

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

S. Interprets tables (draws inferences from tables.)

S. Sets up hypotheses.

G. The topography of a region may present limitations given a specific level of technology; however, man

6. The lack of much relief on the extensive plains has made it less expensive to build railroads and roads over much of the area; however, poor drainage and permafrost have made it difficult to build transportation routes in some areas or to keep them in good repair. Air traffic can overcome some of these handicaps, although it is too expensive as yet to move very bulky goods.

7. The high mountains have made it difficult to build good roads and railroads through parts of Russia; as a result, some parts have been relatively isolated. Airlines are making transportation to some of these areas easier, and technological developments have made it easier to build railroads and roads in these areas.

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6. Have pupils look at the plains areas on a physical map of the U.S.S.R. Ask: What effect do you think these extensive plains would have upon attempts to build roads and railroads? What effect would the temperature pattern have upon such attempts? What effects would the temperature pattern have upon roads and railroads which have been built? (If necessary remind pupils of what they learned in activity 23 about the effects of permafrost and summer thawing upon buildings and streets in Yakutsk.)
27. Show pupils a physical map and large-scale maps of some of mountainous areas. Also show pictures of these areas. Ask: How easy do you think it would have been for people in Russia to build railroads and roads through these mountains prior to recent roadbuilding machinery? How easy would it be today? What effect do you think the problems of building roads would have upon the people living in these mountainous areas? Do you think this situation may be changing today? Why or why not?
28. Have pupils examine a map showing railroads and highways in the Soviet Union. Have them compare these maps with similar maps for the U.S. Also show tables comparing miles of railroads and roads in the U.S. and in the U.S.S.R. How do they account for the differences? (Be sure that pupils understand that the difference is not all due to differences in difficulties in building roads.) Ask: From your study of these maps, where would you expect to find the greatest population densities? The fewest people? (Have pupils set up hypotheses to check later.)

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Thayer, Russia, pp. 22-23, 85 (pictures).

Cressey, Soviet Potentials, pp. 19, 64, 140, 142, 146, 151, 153 (pictures).

Stavrianos, Global History, p. 304.

Filmstrip: U.S.S.R.: The Geographic Background, Eyegate, frames 6-9. Filmstrip: Nat. Res. of Sov. Un., S.V.E., frames 10, 17-18.

For maps of railroads and roads, see atlases on the Soviet Union or Cressey, Sov. Potentials, pp. 10-11; Deasy, et. al., World's Nations, p. 586; Mellor, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., p. 338; Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 394, 398, (maps), p. 396 (table).

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Now have a group of pupils or the entire class check geography texts and other materials to find out how accurate their predictions have been about roads and railroads.

29. Project a map of airlines in the U.S.S.R. Ask pupils to compare it with the railroad and highway maps. To what extent do airlines supplement these other types of transport in the same regions? To what extent do they provide transportation facilities to areas outside of those served by railroads and highways?

Project a table showing the increase in air traffic from 1955 to 1965. Discuss its implications.

30. Now have pupils look at a map showing the rivers in western U.S.S.R. Ask: In what direction do the different rivers flow? Why? Into what bodies of water do these

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Ginsburg, Atlas of Ec. Development, pp. 62-63, 66-77 (maps and tables).

Whiting, Sov. Union Today, 230-233 (maps of highways).

For written discussion of railroads and highways, see: Cressey, Soviet Potentials, pp. 7-8.

Whiting, Soviet Union Today, pp. 229, 234-236.

Lengyel, Sov. Union, 65-66. Scholastic Book Services Editors, Sov. Union, pp. 92-93.

Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 389-39.

Mellor, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., p. 309, 322-325, 347-352.

Kohn and Drummond, The World Today, pp. 391-392. Filmstrip:

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Whiting, Sov. Union Today, pp. 238-239 (map), p. 241 (table).

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b. The course of the eastern rivers is determined by them from moderately high elevations in areas with sparse population. Consequently the rivers are not used for transportation than they otherwise would be.

c. The rivers of the Soviet Union flow generally north or south rather than east and west. This has meant that they have not provided as good a means of transportation east and west as many would like. However, a number of tributaries of the major rivers do provide some means of transportation. Earlier in Russian history, the Volga River between these tributaries. The Soviet Union has built canals connecting the tributaries.

S. Draws inferences from maps by applying previously-learned concepts and generalizations.

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- 3]. Remind pupils of the temperature maps once more. Ask: What effect do you think temperatures would have upon the usefulness of Soviet rivers for transportation? Project a table showing the length of the shipping season

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Also ask: Where does the ice in the Mississippi thaw first? What effect does this thawing have upon the river below? Why was there such a serious flood in Minnesota on the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers in the spring of 1965? (The ground froze very deep before heavy snows came, so that the water from melted snow could not sink into the ground.) Now consider the Soviet rivers which flow northward. What parts of these rivers would thaw first when spring comes? Would you expect these rivers to flood more or less than the Mississippi? Why? Would you expect the 1965 situation of run-off in Minnesota due to the freezing of the ground to be similar to the Russian situation or would you expect the floods to sink rapidly into the Russian soil along the rivers? Why? Would you expect the floods to recede more rapidly in Minnesota or in the Soviet Union? Why? What do you think the effects of this flooding would have upon the land for agricultural purposes? Now describe the floods which take place on Soviet rivers.

5. Have pupils check their hypotheses about the usefulness of rivers for transportation by reading various geography texts. Be sure to have some pupils read Lydolph and Cressey on the building of canals and Taaffe on the reasons why rivers are not used to full capacity for handling freight when railroads are so over-worked.

After pupils have finished reading, discuss: Were your hypotheses correct or do you need to modify them? (Analyze reasons.) How have the Soviets made their river system more useful for transportation? Why isn't more freight traffic shifted to the rivers now that so many canals have been built and since railroads are so busy?

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Lengyel, Sov. Union, pp. 7-8.

Wheeler, Reg. Geog. of the World, pp. 239-242.

Mellor, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 339-340.

Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 36-37, 64, 66-69, 122, 127-129, 191-196, 214, 388-389.

Cressey, Soviet Potentials, pp. 84-85, 87-88, 94-96, 99-100, 129.

Taaffe, "Volga River Trans-
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S. Draws inferences from maps by applying previously-learned concepts and generalizations.

S. Sets up hypotheses.

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

G. The significance of location depends upon cultural developments both within and outside a country.

G. The topography of a region may present limitations given a specific level of technology; however, man has learned to overcome many of the earlier limitations.

9. The U.S.S.R. has vast water potential.

a. It has many sources of water in the southern and eastern mountains. However, many of the potential sources are not close to major concentrations of population or industry and many of the rivers are frozen much of the year.

b. The lack of much relief on the Soviet plains has made navigation on these plains flow very slow. Much of their course is through deep gorges. This makes river transportation easier. It has retarded the development of the country. Man can overcome the lack of relief by building dams, but the steep banks along some of the rivers has made even dam-building difficult on some of the rivers.

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33. Call the attention of the class to the physical map and to a rainfall map once more. Ask: What possible sources do you see for the development of water power? How useful would the southern and eastern mountains be as a source of water power? Why?

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Now show pupils maps and pictures of some of the plains areas through which Soviet rivers flow. Ask: What effect do you think this kind of relief would have upon the ease of moving boats over these rivers? Upon the possibilities of using the rivers for water power? (Discuss possibilities without dams. Discuss difficulties of building dams in some of these areas.)

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Have several pupils check in geography texts to find out more about water power developments and the problems facing the Soviets as they try to build dams.

Kohn and Dr
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Project a map showing hydroelectric developments in the U.S.S.R. and have pupils test their hypotheses against it. Does the lack of development in eastern mountains

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Rainfall map of the U.S.S.R.

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Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 10, 83 (maps).
Cressey, Sov. Potentials, pp. 38, 95, 99, 114 (pictures.)
Filmstrips: Nat'l. Res. in Sov. Un., S.V.E., frames 20-22, 26.

Have pupils check in geography texts to find out about water power developments and the problems of the Soviets as they try to build dams.

Kohn and Drummond, World Today, p. 388, 379.

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Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., p. 241, col. 2.

S. Draws inferences from maps by applying previously-learned concepts and generalizations.

S. Sets up hypotheses.

G. Climate may set up limitations upon man's activities, given a specific level of technology, but man has learned to overcome many of the earlier limitations.

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

G. Vegetation is affected by temperature and precipitation.

G. Phenomena are distributed unevenly over the earth's surface, resulting in great diversity or variability from one place to another.

G. Unevenly-distributed phenomena form distinctive patterns on the map.

S. Draws inferences from maps by applying previously-learned concepts and generalizations.

S. Sets up hypotheses.

C. Types of agriculture in a region, a nation's cultural values, perceived technology as well as upon climate and physical relief.

1. The climate has affected vegetation and the development of agriculture. Man is learning to overcome some previous limitations upon agriculture.

a. The climate has affected the distribution of natural vegetation.

1) The U.S.S.R. may be divided into major vegetation zones of taiga, steppe, and desert.

2) There is a small area of alpine vegetation near the poles.

3) Vegetation in the southern part of the Soviet Union depends upon elevation and southern exposure while both rainfall and temperature are important.

b. The climate and vegetation, soils in the Soviet Union, are also affected by the kind of climate in the region, the movement of ice through various types of erosion and glaciation.

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C. Types of agriculture in a region depend upon a nation's cultural values, perceptions, and technology as well as upon climate, soils, and physical relief.

1. The climate has affected vegetation, soils, and the development of agriculture, although man is learning to overcome some of the previous limitations upon agriculture.

a. The climate has affected the development of natural vegetation.

1) The U.S.S.R. may be divided into four major vegetation zones of tundra, taiga, steppe, and desert.

2) There is a small area of sub-tropical vegetation near the Black Sea.

3) Vegetation in the southern mountains depends upon elevation and northern or southern exposure which affects both rainfall and temperature.

b. The climate and vegetation have affected soils in the Soviet Union, although soils are also affected by the kind of rocks in the region, the movement of soil through various types of erosion and glaciation.

prove that there is no potential there? Why or why not? Quote Lydolph on the potential in this area.

34. Have pupils consider all of the other maps which they have examined thus far. Discuss: How do you think climate would affect vegetation and agricultural production in different parts of the U.S.S.R.? (How would it affect types of vegetation? The soil? The kinds of crops grown? The distribution of crops? Other uses to which the land might be put?) Remind pupils that most field crops developed up to the present time need at least 100 days free from frost.

35. Have pupils examine a map of natural vegetation. (Be sure to include a map showing marshlands.) Show pictures of vegetation. Discuss: Were your hypotheses correct or do you need to modify them? How do you account for differences in different parts of the Soviet Union?

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36. Review what pupils learned in earlier grades about the factors affecting soil development and the effects of soil upon growing crops. Or, if necessary, have pupils read a brief description of these factors and effects.

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Kohn and Drummond, World
Today, pp. 67-74.

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G. Nature changes the face of the earth through biotic processes.

G. The soil type in a particular place is affected by the type of basic rock in the region, the climate, vegetation, erosion, wind, and glaciers as well as by how man treats the soil.

S. Draws inferences from maps by applying previously-learned concepts and generalizations.

S. Sets up hypotheses.

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

G. Types of agriculture in a region depend upon man's cultural values, perceptions and technology as well as upon climate, soils and topography.

G. The land in hot regions dries fast as the warm air picks up moisture; therefore, more rain is needed to grow crops in these regions than in regions which are not so hot.

1) The effects of climate, degree of leaching, because of the amount of humus in the soil, the result of natural v and the degree to which wind and water erosion, affected by man's use of

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c. The climate, landforms, and soil are affected agriculture, although man has learned to overcome some of these limitations.

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2) The areas of the U.S.S.R. with the least rain are also

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2) The areas of the U.S.S.R. which get the least rain are also the areas

Now show the class rainfall and vegetation maps of the Soviet Union again. In which parts of the country would they expect the most leaching? In which parts of the country would they expect the most acid soils? In which part would they expect the richest soils? In which part would they expect the greatest wind erosion? Recall what pupils learned earlier about permafrost. In what areas would they find poor soil drainage?

rainfall and vegetation maps of the U.S.S.R. (See above.)

Have pupils check these guesses against a soils map.

See atlases of

37. Have the class compare the soils map with the rainfall map. In what soil regions does the U.S.S.R. get the best rainfall for crops? the least rainfall? What kind of rainfall does the best soil region get? Have pupils look at the temperature map again. What would they expect to be true of evaporation in different parts of the Soviet Union? Is evaporation greater where rainfall is heaviest or where it is scarce? How does evaporation affect agriculture? Compare the rainfall in the black earth region of the U.S.S.R. with that in the black earth region of the U.S. Ask: Why does the U.S.S.R. need slightly less rainfall than the U.S. does for agricultural crops? (The U.S. needs about 20 inches a year; the U.S.S.R. can get by with about 15 inches a year.) Where do you think crops would be grown in the Soviet Union? What kinds of crops? Where do you think there would be dairying? grazing?

See atlases and ed., Encycl. of Sov. Union, pp

Now compare the temperature, rainfall, soils and physical maps with a map showing those parts of the Soviet Union which are cultivated. Have pupils identify the

Lydolph, Geog. p. 298; Cressey, Sov.

the class rainfall and vegetation maps of the country again. In which parts of the country would they expect the most leaching? In which parts of the country would they expect the most acid soils? In which parts would they expect the richest soils? In which parts would they expect the greatest wind erosion? What crops would they find poor soil drainage?

Check these grasses on a soil map.

Class compare the soil map and the rainfall map. What soil regions of the U.S.S.R. get the most rainfall for crops? the least rainfall? What kind of soil does the best soil region get? Have pupils check the temperature map again. What would they expect true of evaporation in different parts of the country? Is evaporation greater where rainfall is abundant or where it is scarce? How does evaporation affect agriculture? Compare the rainfall in the black soil region of the U.S.S.R. with that in the black soil region of the U.S. Ask: Why does the U.S.S.R. get so little rainfall than the U.S. does for agricultural crops? (The U.S. needs about 20 inches a year. The U.S.S.R. can get by with about 15 inches a year.) Where do you think crops would be grown in the black soil region? What kinds of crops? Where do you think it would be dairying? grazing?

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ed., Encycl. of Russ. and the
Sov. Union, pp. 526-28.

Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R.,
p. 298.
Cressey, Sov. Potentials,

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4) Only about 10½ per cent is arable; another 16.6 used for hay crops and animals (other than reindeer). Soviets cultivated about more land than was cultivated in U.S. in 1960.

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

G. Differing crops need differing amounts of rainfall and differing temperatures and number of frost-free days in order to grow; they need water and dryness at different times during their period of growth.

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pp. 4-5.
Deasy, et al.
p. 576.

38. Show the class a pie graph on land-use in the U.S.S.R. Ask: What proportion of the land is cultivated for food crops? What part is used for hay and pasture?

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Now show the class a chart comparing the yield per acre for a number of crops in the U.S. and in the U.S.S.R. How can pupils account for this difference? What might be factors other than soil types, temperature, and rainfall?

39. Show pupils a series of maps on agricultural production in the Soviet Union. Ask: Were your earlier hypotheses correct? Have pupils compare these maps once more with soil, rainfall, temperature, vegetation and physical maps to help them understand better why certain crops are grown in certain places and why other types of agricultural production are carried on in areas where there is little cultivated land.

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Deasy, et al., World's Nations, p. 576.

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Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., p. 284 (pie graph), p. 285 (table comparing yield per acre), p. 280 (table comparing cultivated land in the two countries).

Draw a chart comparing the amount of sown crops (1960) in the U.S.S.R. and in the U.S. Compare the amount in each with the population in each country. Is the difference important? What factor must be considered in deciding which country is better off in terms of natural resources?

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Deasy, World's Nations, pp. 577-78, 614-15.

Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 301-314, 318-323.

G. Man uses his physical environment in terms of his cultural values, perceptions, and level of technology.

b. The type of agriculture and the kinds of crops grown in part by man's cultural and technological knowledge

1) The Soviets are rotating crops in the main wheat-growing areas in order to maintain soil fertility

2) The Soviet Union is growing certain crops because of the climate and soil conditions in certain places where some crops can be grown.

8. Sets up hypotheses.

3. The Soviet Union is using irrigation to try to expand the areas where it grows crops; it has already cultivated an area by about 73 percent between 1928 and 1958.

a. The government has been carrying out vast irrigation projects in swampy lands.

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b. The government has opened up new farms in relatively dry areas (in the Virgin Land areas) and has been using irrigation techniques in these areas.

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2) The Soviet Union is changing some of the crops because of a new desire for certain crops not grown in abundance earlier and because of new places where some of the old crops can be grown.

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40. Ask: Do you think physical features and climate determine where the crops are grown? Why or why not? Tell the class about recent changes in crops with a switch to greater corn production in the Ukraine because of desires of the people. Use other examples, or have pupils point out examples, of places in which a number of crops are grown or could be grown and where the kinds grown are affected by cultural choice.

Have pupils read a brief description of agricultural crops and other land use in different parts of the Soviet Union.

Kohn and Dr
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41. Ask: Suppose you are a Soviet agricultural expert and you want to expand the amount of cultivated land in the U.S.S.R. What might you do? What has been done in the U.S. to expand cultivated land? (If necessary ask additional questions about what has been done in this country to expand cultivated land in dry and swampy areas.)
42. Show pupils a physical map of the U.S.S.R. once more. Where are possible sources of water for irrigation in the dry areas? Now show pupils a map of irrigated lands in the Soviet Union and point out proposed projects.
43. Now have pupils read brief descriptions of ways in which the Soviets are trying to expand cultivated areas and the food supply. Discuss: To what degree do you think each of these techniques will be successful in expanding areas of cultivated land?

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Kohn and Drummond, World Today, pp. 380-382.
Deasy, World's Nations, pp. 604, 609.

Suppose you are a Soviet agricultural expert and want to expand the amount of cultivated land in the Soviet Union. What might you do? What has been done in the past to expand cultivated land? (If necessary ask additional questions about what has been done in this area.)

Pupils study a physical map of the U.S.S.R. once more. Discuss possible sources of water for irrigation in different areas. Now show pupils a map of irrigated lands in the Soviet Union and point out proposed projects.

Physical map of the U.S.S.R.
Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., p. 287 (map of irrigated lands).

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Meyer and Streitmeir, Geog. in World Society, pp. 395-396, 594-595.
Cressey, Sov. Potentials, pp. 165-66.

- G. Man uses his physical environment in terms of his cultural values, perceptions, and level of technology.
- G. Climate may set up limitations upon man's activities given a specific level of technology, but man has learned to overcome many of the earlier limitations.
- G. Types of agriculture in a region depend upon man's cultural values, perceptions, and level of technology as well as upon climate, soils, and topography.
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- e. The Soviet Union grows in greenhouses in very they wish to have cows provide them with food.
- S. Draws inferences from a comparison of different map patterns of the same area.
- S. Sets up hypotheses.
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- d. Agricultural experts are experimenting with techniques for warming the soil and/or the seed in order to grow crops in tundra areas which otherwise would not grow there.
- e. The Soviet Union grows some vegetables in greenhouses in very cold areas where they wish to have towns and must provide them with food.

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- D. The population distribution is closely related to the distribution of agricultural resources, although this distribution is changing somewhat as new mineral and power resources are opened up.
 - 1. Most of the people live in the "fertile triangle" between Leningrad, Odessa, and Novosibirsk. This area comprises only about one-eighth of the land area of the country.

Now have a pupil report on his investigations of the success of the Virgin Lands project. Or prepare tables using data from Schwartz on what happened to production in the Virgin Lands. Project in class and have pupils discuss: How successful has the Virgin Lands Project been? Quote brief excerpts from Schwartz on the results.

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Invite a local county agent or an agricultural specialist to talk to the class about ways in which technical developments have made it possible to grow certain crops in areas which formerly were too far north or too dry. He might use examples from the U.S. but also describe some of the new developments in the Soviet Union if he knows about them.

45. Have pupils refer once again to the different maps of the Soviet Union which they have used before. Ask: Where do you think you would find heavy population densities? Medium population densities? Light population densities? Perhaps have pupils make up a population map using a three-symbol key to show what they think the population pattern would be like.

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Refer once again to the different maps of population density which they have used before. Ask: Do you think you would find heavy population densities in the same areas? Light population densities? Perhaps have pupils make up a population density map with a three-symbol key to show what they think the population pattern would be like.

Draw a population map of the U.S.S.R. (Show population density) compare it with an isoline or color bar

Deasy, World's Nations, pp. 609-610, 619-20.

Mallor, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 191-194.

Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 286, 288.

Whiting, Sov. Union Today, pp. 184-187.

Center's paper on "Expanding Agricultural Cultivation in the U.S.S.R.;"

For more details on the campaign and results of the Virgin Lands experiment, see Schwartz, Sov. Economy Since Stalin, pp. 63-65, 75, 106-108, 131-132, 164.

Population density map of Soviet Union. For example, see Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., p. 271, or Cressey, Sov. Potentials, 32-33, or Kohn and Drummond, World Today, p. 373, or atlases.

G. Population distribution reflects man's values and his technology as well as climate, topography and resources of an area.

G. Population is distributed unevenly over the earth's surface; many of the land areas are thinly populated.

G. Unevenly-distributed phenomena form distinctive patterns on the map.

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

S. Sets up hypotheses.

G. The degree of horizontal mobility within a society can have important effects upon society.

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G. Man uses his physical environment in terms of his cultural values, perceptions, and level of technology.

2. There are small population centers in the valleys and lowlands of the Crimean and Crimea regions which are mainly tropical and in the subtropical of Soviet Middle Asia.

3. About 4 percent of the population is concentrated along the Trans-Siberian railway and the eastern tip of the triangle of the Pacific.

4. Only about one percent of the population is distributed through the rest of the country.

5. The population distribution is changing somewhat as new areas of agriculture are opened up by irrigation projects, railroads and other types of transportation are developed, and as new residential or industrial areas are developed in the fertile triangle. The greatest population density is still found west of the Urals but the proportion of the total population in this area is decreasing. Population is increasing more intensively in and east of the Urals.

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map with their own maps. If they are different, what accounts for the differences? Discuss: Why do you think the population density map looks the way it does? (Relate population density to kinds of agricultural use of land.) There are large areas of the Soviet Union which are practically empty of people. Do you think these areas offer great potential for future population expansion as the world becomes more crowded? Where do you think the population is most likely to increase in the future?

46. Now show pupils a population density map of pre-World War II vintage. Have pupils compare the two density maps. What changes do they see? Or have pupils study the map showing population changes from 1939 to 1959 in Lydolph. What factors might account for these changes?

Lydolph, Geog. of t
U.S.S.R., p. 273.

Project graphs showing population densities and changes in population in different regions of the Soviet Union. Which regions are increasing most rapidly? Which regions are growing the most slowly? How can pupils account for these differences? (Let pupils set up hypotheses to test later.)

Lydolph, Geog. of
U.S.S.R., p. 273.

47. Have a pupil make a graph comparing the population density in his own state, in New York, and in New Mexico with the population densities in different parts of the Soviet Union. Discuss.

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Lydolph, Geog. of
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See World Almanac for population densities in U.S. states. Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 271-272.

S. Sets up hypotheses.

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G. Some things can be produced better in one place than in another because of climate, resources, access to markets, people's skills, etc.

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 2. Three of the five major industrial regions are located west of the Urals in the area most easily invaded across the plains. The third of these regions is the southeastern Ukraine region centered around Kiev and based on important coal and iron resources.
 3. Because of the exposure of these three industrial regions, the Soviet Union began to shift industrial development further east to the Urals and the region past the Urals. This shift has been continued since

Discuss: When is an area or country overpopulated? (Can one tell from population density figures? Is overpopulation present when a particular place cannot raise enough food to feed the people in the place? Is an area underpopulated if there are no people living in it?)

48. Have pupils look at the population map of the U.S.S.R. once more. Where are the major cities? Show a graph which some pupil has made to compare the sizes of some of the larger cities of the U.S.S.R. with some of those in the U.S. Show another pupil-made graph comparing the number of cities over 1 million in population in the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

Now have pupils look at a map of major industrial centers. Ask: What do you expect to find close to a major industrial center? Have pupils examine a map of mineral and power resources in the Soviet Union. Ask: What two major cities and industrial centers are not located close to rich coal or iron ore deposits? Can you think of any reasons why these cities of Moscow and Leningrad are important industrial centers despite this drawback? Show pupils a map of the flow of goods to and from Moscow. Have pupils read about the Moscow and Leningrad areas to test their ideas about why they became great industrial centers.

Now ask: Suppose you had been the Soviet planners during the 1930's and wished to decide where to build new industrial plants. What factors would you have considered? (Have pupils list kinds of factors and make sure that you ask additional questions to bring out some of the factors they omit.)

Mellor, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., map p. 118.
Cressey, Sov. Potentials, map pp. 32-33.

For population density of the U.S.S.R., see city above. For data on population of Soviet Union, see Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 276-277; Holt and Turner, S. U.S.S.R., p. 37.
For data on U.S.S.R. coal and iron deposits, see World Almanac. For data on coal and iron deposits, see Lydolph, p. 354 (1936 (coal)).
For map showing flow of goods to Moscow, see Lydolph. For maps of industrial centers in the Soviet Union; see atlases of the U.S.S.R.; Wheeler, et al., Regional Geog. of the U.S.S.R., p. 251; Lydolph, p. 331; Kohn and Drury, U.S.S.R. Today, p. 388. For material on Moscow and Leningrad areas, see pp. 32-37, 112; Cressey, Potentials, pp. 113-115; Deasy et al., Nations, pp. 571-572; et al., pp. 252-

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Look at a map of major industrial centers in the U.S.S.R. What do you expect to find close to a major city? Have pupils examine a map of mineral resources in the Soviet Union. Ask: What resources and industrial centers are not located near coal or iron ore deposits? Can you think of reasons why these cities of Moscow and Leningrad are industrial centers despite this drawback? Make a map of the flow of goods to and from Moscow. Have pupils read about the Moscow and Leningrad industrial centers. Have them write their ideas about why they became great industrial centers.

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Mellor, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., map p. 118.
Cressey, Sov. Potentials, map pp. 32-33.

For population density map of the U.S.S.R., see activity above. For data on population of Soviet cities, see Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 276-277 or Holt and Turner, Sov. Union, p. 37.

For data on U.S. cities, see World Almanac. For maps of coal and iron deposits see Lydolph, p. 354 (iron), 334, 336 (coal).

For map showing flow of goods to Moscow, see Lydolph, p. 35. For maps of industrial regions, see atlases of the Soviet Union; Wheeler, et. al., Regional Geog. of the World Today, p. 251; Lydolph, pp. 329, 331; Kohn and Drummond, World Today, p. 388. For reading material on Moscow and the Leningrad areas see: Lydolph, pp. 32-37, 112; Cressey, Sov. Potentials, pp. 120-124, 128-135; Deasy et. al., World's Nations, pp. 571-781; Wheeler et. al., pp. 252-253.

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G. Man uses his physical environment in terms of his cultural values, perceptions, and level of technology.

G. The significance of location depends upon cultural developments both within and outside of a country.

a. The Urals region has excellent deposits and many other minerals, though it lacks good coke for steel, coal has been imported for important steel-making and machine industries.

b. The Kuznetsk Novosibirsk manufacturing region has excellent coal deposits and brings in iron from the Urals in exchange for its coal (so that trains do not travel empty either way). Iron deposits in other nearby regions are also helping to make this an important center for heavy industry.

4. Other industrial areas are being developed due to major sources or deposits of minerals.

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Have pupils try to decide from the information given on the maps, why the southeastern Ukraine region, the Urals region and the Kuznets region are such important industrial centers. Discuss: What problems would the Urals region face in building up a steel industry? What problems would the Kuznets region face?

49. Have a pupil give an oral report on the system which was built up to connect the Urals Magnitogorsk with Kuznetsk in order to overcome the lack of good coal in one and good iron in the other. Point out the recent discoveries of iron ore near the Kuznetsk Basin.

Lydolph, Geog. of the
pp. 219-220.
Wheeler, et. al., Res.
of the World, p. 254

50. Now have pupils look at a map to identify other rich sources of iron and coal. Are they close to any industrial center? Is it likely that an industrial center will be built in the area? Why or why not? What kind of transportation facility is available or could be provided to transport the raw material to an existing industrial center.

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51. Have pupils look at a map to identify some of the newer industrial developments which are growing rapidly or which have sprung up in unoccupied areas. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each area? (or of some of them). Perhaps have pupils report on some of these new cities.

Map of industrial
(see activity 48).

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Give an oral report on the system which connects the Urals Magnitogorsk with the Kuznets region. How can we overcome the lack of good coal in the Urals? Point out the recent iron ore near the Kuznetsk Basin.

Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 219-220.
Wheeler, et. al., Reg. Geog. of the World, p. 254-55.

Look at a map to identify other rich areas of iron and coal. Are they close to any industries? Is it likely that an industrial center will develop in the area? Why or why not? What kind of transportation facility is available or could be proposed to transport the raw material to an existing industrial center?

Map of resources of U.S.S.R. See atlases and Cressey, Sov. Potentials, 70-71, Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., 336, 342, 345, 361, 363; or frame 43 in Filmstrip: Nat'l. Res. of the Sov. Un., S.V.E.

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Map of industrial regions (see activity 43).

S. Interprets graphs. (Looks for misleading graphic devices. Draws inferences from graphs.)

S. Chooses appropriate reference book to locate information.

S. Interprets graphs. (Draws inferences from graphs.)

A. **RESPECTS EVIDENCE EVEN WHEN IT CONTRADICTS PRECONCEPTIONS.**

S. Checks on the completeness of data.

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1. The Soviet Union is among the top three producers of many of the minerals and power resources.

2. The U.S.S.R. is more nearly self-sufficient in terms of kinds of minerals and industry than any other country in the world.

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F. The Soviet Union has greater power and mineral resources than any nation in the world, although production is not so great as in some other countries.

1. The Soviet Union is among the top two or three producers of many of the key minerals and power resources.

2. The U.S.S.R. is more nearly self-sufficient in terms of kinds of minerals needed for industry than any other country in the world.

Have pupils examine the graphs shown in Soviet publications on growth in production in certain areas over the past few years. Choose graphs which do not use a scale beginning with zero. Have pupils analyze these graphs, picking out the device by which the increase in recent years is exaggerated. Have pupils now make a graph showing the same data but with the scale beginning at zero. Compare the two graphs.

e.g. See U.S.S.R., Life Today, October p. 14. (graphs on in production of n gas, mineral ferti cotton, and textil tral Asian region.

53. Show pupils graphs comparing U.S.S.R. reserves and production of a number of major minerals and power resources, with those in other countries including the U.S. Or have pupils prepare such graphs from figures found in different reference books. Before they begin work, discuss reference works which can be used to locate the needed data.

Atlases on U.S.S.R. Almanacs.

54. Have pupils read differing accounts in textbooks to find out if the Soviet Union lacks any important resources needed for industry. (Have some pupils look at older texts and some at newer ones and compare them. In some cases it will be found that older texts mention a lack of some resources but a newer text reports a recent discovery of this resource.) Where texts differ, ask pupils about date of their text copyright. Why does the date make a difference?

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e.g. See U.S.S.R., Soviet Life Today, October, 1964, p. 14. (graphs on increases in production of natural gas, mineral fertilizer, cotton, and textiles in Central Asian region of U.S.S.R.)

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Scholastic Book Services editors, Sov. Union, pp. 11-13;
Schwartz, Sov. Union (pamphlet), pp. 23-25;
Cressey, Sov. Potentials, ch. 4;
Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 332-367;
Mellor, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., ch. 7;
Wheeler et al., Reg. Geog. of the World, pp. 229-230.

2. The significance of location depends upon cultural developments both within and outside a country.
 3. The Soviet Union is handicapped by the fact that some of the resources are located great distances from where they are needed (for combination of other resources or for markets to transportation routes).
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- G. A region is an area of one or more homogeneous features. The core area is highly homogeneous, but there are transitional zones where boundaries are drawn between different regions.
 - G. Regions are delimited on many different bases, depending upon the purpose of the study. Some are delimited on the basis of a single phenomenon, some on the basis of multiple phenomena, and some on the basis of functional relationships.
 - G. The Soviet Union is obviously difficult to describe as a whole; different parts of the country are quite different. The country may be divided into a number of major regions in terms of the use to which the land is put, the degree of urbanization, the amount of industrialization, population density, and the numbers of different types of agricultural groupings with slightly different characteristics.

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55. Have pupils look at maps once more while you point out some of the newly discovered mineral resources and the areas of potential water power in eastern Siberia. Discuss: How easy will it be for the Soviet Union to develop these resources? Perhaps quote Lydolph about the difficulties because of their distance from centers of population.

For a map of mineral resources see Cressey, Potentials, pp. 70- see minerals map of and eastern/Siberia Lydolph, Geog. of the p. 235.

For a discussion of ties, see Lydolph, p. 244.

56. Perhaps divide the class into groups, letting each group investigate one of the Soviet regions in more detail. They should prepare maps, find pictures to display, and prepare bulletin boards, charts or written reports to be distributed to the other class members describing the key characteristics of their region and the important changes taking place in it. Then hold a class discussion on differences between these regions. Why do you think geographers have divided up the Soviet Union in this way? Do you think a geographer's regionalization might change as the years pass? Why or why not? Perhaps show a different regionalization of the Soviet Union and discuss the different criteria used in differentiating regions. Compare the two systems of regionalization.

Lydolph, Geog. of the map of regions on p. most of chapters. Wheeler, Reg. Geog. World, ch. 13. Cressey, Sov. Potentials chs. 6-8.

57. Have pupils take imaginary trips from Moscow to some other city in the U.S.S.R. and write one of the following to describe what they see and feel in the way of physical and cultural landscape and climate:

- a. A diary of their trip.
- b. A series of letters to a friend.
- c. A travel guide for other Americans.

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p. 235.

For a discussion of difficul-
ties, see Lydolph, pp. 240-
244.

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S. Visualizes a generalized map of the U.S.S.R.

S. Checks on the completeness of data.

S. Interprets graphs. (Draws Inferences from graphs.)

G. Changes in the birth and death rates or in the ratio between sexes can have important effects upon a society.

G. An increase in population occurs when the birth rate plus immigration is greater than the death rate plus emigration.

S. Interprets graphs and tables. (Draws Inferences from graphs and tables.)

G. Changes in ... the ratio between sexes can have important effects upon a society.

G. Changing population patterns are important effects upon the Soviet Union.

1. For a long period of time during the 19th century, population growth slowed down, but it has increased again.

a. Although the population was increasing, it was increasing less rapidly than in the U.S. In part this was due to increasing industrialization and urbanization and in part to the high mortality rate of men during wars, civil wars, and purges.

b. The birth rate has increased, but the death rate is declining, so that the population is growing at a fast rate, although not so fast as in the developed countries.

2. The two world wars, the civil war, and the purges led to a great decimation of the population compared with adult women. This has led to a high sex ratio in the Soviet Union, which has led the government to use women widely in physical labor.

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 - b. The birth rate has increased once more, the death rate is declining, and the population is growing at a faster rate again, although not so fast as in some countries.
 2. The two world wars, the civil war and the purges led to a great decimation of men as compared with adult women. This imbalance in the sex ratio has led the Soviet government to use women widely in physical labor.

53. Give all pupils sheets of pages of the same size and have them try to draw rough outline maps of the U.S.S.R. from memory. They should include major cities, rivers, and land forms as well as the boundaries and names of countries bordering the U.S.S.R. Then compare some of the maps with an opaque projector. Discuss: Why is it helpful to have a visualized map of the U.S.S.R. in our minds?

55. Have a pupil prepare a graph comparing population growth in the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. over a period of fifty years. Pupils should note that some of the Russian figures are estimates. The pupil should use this graph in reporting to the class on changes in population growth in the U.S.S.R. and the reasons for them. Discuss: What implications do you see in the changing rate of population growth?

For data, see Lydolp
of the U.S.S.R., pp
260.

60. Show pupils a graph and some tables on the sex ratio within different age groups in the Soviet Union. Discuss: Why do you think this imbalance between men and women in the over-40 age group exists? What effects do you think it might have?

Lydolp, Geog. of t
pp. 257-260.

Prepare sheets of pages of the same size and have rough outline maps of the U.S.S.R. from which should include major cities, rivers, and all as well as the boundaries and names of countries of the U.S.S.R. Then compare some of the maps on a slide projector. Discuss: Why is it helpful to have a visualized map of the U.S.S.R. in our minds?

Prepare a graph comparing population growth in the U.S.S.R. over a period of fifty years. Note that some of the Russian figures are given. The pupil should use this graph in reporting on changes in population growth in the past and the reasons for them. Discuss: What implications do you see in the changing rate of population

For data, see Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 255-260.

Prepare a graph and some tables on the sex ratio in different age groups in the Soviet Union. Discuss: Do you think this imbalance between men and women in the over-40 age group exists? What effects do you think it might have?

Lydolph, Geog. of the U.S.S.R., pp. 257-260.

S. Interprets graphs. (Draws inferences from graphs.)

G. Changes in the birth and death rates ... can have important effects upon a society.

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

S. Interprets graphs and tables. (Draws inferences from graphs and tables.)

S. Sets up hypotheses.

G. The degree of horizontal mobility within a society (including shifts of population from rural to urban areas) can have important effects upon society.

S. Sets up hypotheses.

G. Obstacles to communication may be social as well as physical.

3. The decline in the birth rate has been in a much smaller group of young people who are coming of military age to work in industry. The government has changed its educational policies to encourage young people to work sooner than they did years ago.

4. The rural-urban population ratio in the U.S.S.R. is still far less than in the U.S.

H. Although about three-fourths of the population is of Slavic descent, the Soviet Union is peopled by many different national groupings.

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4. The rural-urban population ratio is shifting to a much higher urban proportion, but the U.S.S.R. is still far less urbanized than is the U.S.

H. Although about three-fourths of the population is of Slavic descent, the Soviet Union is peopled by many different nationality groupings.

I. There is a great diversity of culture and of languages spoken from one part of the country to another.

Show pupils another graph showing the number of women in the labor force and read aloud a description of the ways in which women engage in hard physical labor in the U.S.S.R. (Perhaps show slides or pictures to illustrate this fact.)

61. Show pupils a graph of the distribution of the Soviet population by age groups. Discuss the implications of the small number of youths in the age bracket of 16-21.

Lydolph, Geog. of the
p. 268.

62. Project a graph showing changes in urban-rural relations in the U.S.S.R. and another graph comparing urbanization in the U.S. and in the U.S.S.R. Discuss: What are the implications of this change in the urban-rural ratio on the U.S.S.R.? (Compare the proportion of the rural population and the total agricultural production for the two countries.) Ask: What can you tell about agricultural productivity per farm worker in these two countries? Show table to test hypotheses.

Lydolph, Geog. of the
p. 295.
For figures on agricultural productivity per farm worker see Lydolph, p. 285

63. Show pupils, very briefly, a chart listing the many different nationalities represented in the Soviet Union. Also show a map of nationalities in the U.S.S.R. Pick out a few of these nationalities and have pupils find out if they have had their own nation at any time in the last 200 years. If so, why might this fact be important? Show a chart of the many different languages spoken in the Soviet Union. Discuss: What problems might arise from the fact that the Soviet Union has so many different nationalities and languages? Point out that pupils will study this question in more detail later.

For data on languages of former independence see Petrovich, Sov. Union p. 18.
Lydolph, Geog. of the pp. 261-270 (map and discussion).
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G. People who are in contact with each other are likely to borrow cultural traits from each other. Migration of people from one part of the world to another involves the movement of culture and material objects, thus resulting in changes in the area to which people migrate.

2. Modern transportation facilities and industrialization are bringing about cultural unity and the movement into many parts of the country.

S. Tests hypotheses against data.

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34. Give pupils figures or charts or maps showing how a number of Russians are moving into areas formerly occupied primarily by other nationality groups. Discuss: What effects do you think this movement of population within the country may have?

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p. 275 (Data found
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35. Have pupils check back over their lists of hypotheses made so far during the course of the unit. Which ones have they tested and found supported by the data? Contradicted by the data? Which ones still need testing during the remainder of the unit? How can they be tested? (Be sure to keep a list of those which must still be tested by use of historical or other data.)
36. Hold a discussion on the topic: Of what help do you think our study of the geography of the U.S.S.R. has been in helping us decide what our policies should be toward the U.S.S.R.?

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Conclusion on the topic: Of what help do you think the study of the geography of the U.S.S.R. has been in helping us decide what our policies should be toward the U.S.S.R.?