**Russia**

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| **Location** | * the eastern part of Europe and the northern part of Asia * borders on:   + China, Mongolia, Korea, Kazakhstan, Georgia and Azerbaijan in the south   + Norway, Finland, the Baltic States, Belarus and Ukraine in the west * has a sea-border with the USA |
| **Total area** | * one-seventh of the earth's surface * about 17 million square kilometers |
| **Lowland/Highland** | * steppes in the south, plains and forests in the midland, tundra and taiga in the north, highlands and deserts in the east * two Great Plains in Russia: the Great Russian Plain and the West Siberian Lowland * mountain chains: the Urals(the largest), the Caucasus, the Altai and others |
| **Water Resources** | * Washed by 12 seas of 3 oceans: the Pacific, the Arctic and the Atlantic. * two million rivers, the most famous of them are:   + the Volga - Europe's biggest river   + the Ob, the Yenisey and the Lena - the main Siberian rivers   + The Amur in the east   + Lakes:     - Lake Baikal - the world's deepest lake (1600 meters) |
| **Natural Resources** | Forests are consecrated in the  very rich in oil, coal, iron ore, natural gas, copper, nickel and other mineral resources |
| **Population** | 142 million of people |
| **Political System** | * Parliamentary republic. * The Head of the State is the President. * The legislative power - the Duma. * The executive power - the Government * The judicial power – the System of Court |
| **Capital** | Moscow - the largest political, scientific, cultural and industrial center |
| **Colours of the flag** | white, blue and red |