

862 (?). Invitation of the Varangians

988. Christianization of Kievan Rus. Principalities

Kiev

1237. Mongol invasion and subjugation

1462. The rise of Moscow under Ivan III. Muscovy (Muscovite Rus)

Moscow

1533. Ivan IV (the Terrible) (b. 1530) becomes a grand prince.

1547. Tsardom: Ivan IV proclaims himself a Tsar

*The Time of Troubles (1598–1613)*

1613. Ascension of the Romanov dynasty

1689. Peter I (the Great) (b. 1672) becomes a ruler *de facto*. Pre-Petrine & post-Petrine Russia.

1700. Calendar reform. St. Petersburg (founded 1703). Spelling and alphabet reform (1708). Empire (1721).

St. Petersburg

*1789. French Revolution*

*Napoleonic wars (1799–1815)*

1815. The Congress of Vienna

1855. Death of Nicolas I and ascension of Alexander II

1861. Abolition of serfdom

1861-64. The Great Reforms

*WW1 (1914–18)*

1917. February Revolution. October Revolution

Moscow

*WW2 (1939–45)*

1953. Death of Stalin

1991. Collapse of the Soviet Union