



4.4.3 Practice: Russia and Western Europe

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Practice Assignment

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Assignment

1. Use the graphic organizer to analyze the different aspects of Russia and Western Europe in terms of religion, social structure, technology, and government.
2. After completing the organizer, use the information to construct two paragraphs that identify the differences between Russian and Western European civilizations.

Characteristics	Western Europe	Russia
Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not diverse - limited to Christianity• Roman Catholic Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orthodox Christianity• Orthodox• Followed Byzantine church structure and beliefs.
Social Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feudalism - governed ^{classes}• Church had lots of power (more than king).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More Variant of feudalism.• Distinct ^{social} classes
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farming• 3-field rotation• Plow• Horse harness	<p>Similar to Western Europe.</p> <p>Traditionalist</p>
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monarchy Patriarchy• Relatively liberal - Magna Carta,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monarchy Patriarchy• Authoritarianism

Differences between Western Europe and Russia go much deeper than simply different locations. ~~Medieval~~ Medieval Europe was shaped by the Roman Catholic Church. On the other hand, ~~Medieval~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Medieval~~ Medieval Russia followed the teachings of ~~the~~ Orthodox Christianity. Both Western Europe and Russia took advantage of better farming tools and used different crop rotation patterns.

From an abstract view, ^{Medieval} Western Europe and Russia had similar forms of government and social structure. Both civilizations were patriarchies and ~~the~~ ~~both~~ had feudalistic social structures; there tended to be a very distinct social classes and there was a ~~upper~~ class equivalent to serfs. However, upon closer inspection, Western Europe tended to be much more liberal than Russia. For example, something like the Magna Carta would never have ~~happened~~ happened in Russia ~~at~~ at the time. ~~On~~ On the other hand, Russia tended to be much more authoritarian and held traditional values ~~more~~ much more ~~highly~~ highly.