

## Россия – Russia: A Cultural Taste

### Introduction

Ten things everyone should know about Russia (Put an X through the wrong answer.)

1. How many time zones does Russia cover?	11	9
2. What is the most popular sport in Russia	Soccer	Hockey
3. What is the capital city of Russia?	St. Petersburg	Moscow
4. How do you pronounce the name for grandmother	baboooshka	baaabushka
5. Who is the father of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution?	Joseph Stalin	Vladimir Lenin
6. Who is the most powerful politician in Russia today?	Vladimir Putin	Dmitrii Medvedev
7. Where will the 2014 Winter Olympics take place?	Moscow	Sochi
8. Who is the Father of Russian literature?	Leo Tolstoy	Alexander Pushkin
9. What is borshch?	breed of dog	beet soup
20. Who was the first man in space?	Neil Armstrong	Yurii Gagarin

### Language and Literature

- Let's Transliterate the Russian poem by Fedor Tiutchev (1803-1873)

Умом Россию не понять,  
 Аршином общим не измерить:  
 У ней особенная статья —  
 В Россию можно только верить.

- Let's Translate the Russian poem.

Russian	English
умом	by the mind
не	not
понять	to understand
Аршином	ruler
общим	standard
измерить	to measure
у ней	she has

Russian	English
особенная	particular
статья	character, personality
в	in, into
можно	it is possible, one can
только	only
верить	to believe

- Learn to write your (at the top of your paper) using Cyrillic Letters.

**Material Culture (20 minutes)**

1. What object did you choose?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why did you choose the object?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What is this object's significance in Russian culture?

**Russian Music (20 minutes)**

1. For each sample of Russian music, write down the name of the artist or composer, genre. Do the sound like any other artists or groups that you listen to?

Name of musician/group	Genre	Similar to ?