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Exploring the Government of Russia: From Tsars to Presidents

Short Answer Key

1. Boris Yeltsin was the first president of Russia after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.
2. The State Duma is the lower house of Russia's legislative body, consisting of representatives elected by the people. It plays a key role in making and amending laws.
3. Possible answers: Transitioning from a one-party system, concerns about democracy and elections, and the concentration of power in the presidency.
4. The president of Russia is responsible for setting foreign policy, appointing the prime minister, and representing the country internationally. They also have the authority to issue decrees, veto legislation, and make key appointments.
5. The Federal Assembly consists of two chambers: the State Duma (representatives elected by the people) and the Federation Council (representatives from federal subjects).

