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## Journey Through Time: A Brief History of Russia

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Ivan the Terrible and Catherine the Great both played significant roles in Russian history. Ivan is known for centralizing power and implementing harsh policies, while Catherine is known for modernization and cultural flourishing.
2. Mongol rule had a lasting impact on Russia's development, introducing new cultural elements, trade connections, and administrative practices.
3. The dissolution of the Soviet Union resulted from a combination of economic difficulties, political changes, and the desire for independence among former Soviet republics. Its consequences included the emergence of independent states and changes in global politics.
4. Russia's history, including its imperial and Soviet periods, has influenced its approach to international relations. Its role as a superpower during the Cold War and its post-Soviet challenges have shaped its interactions with other nations.

