Russia Study Guide

Comparisons between Russia and Great Britain

1. Prime Minister—how do they get their position?
2. How often do they hold elections?
3. Compare their legislatures.
4. Compare their party systems.
5. Compare civil society.

Russia only stuff:

Economic—

1. Consequences of ending their communist economic ways in 1991---
2. Corporatist or pluralist? Any examples of this?
3. Natural resources-

Misc.-

1. Highest court? Does it have Judicial Review as its purpose? Does it do this in practice?
2. Presidential terms-
3. People to know-couple of tsars, Gorbachev, Yeltsin, Putin (duh), Medvedev,
4. Power moves by Putin (PowerPoint---ask Wilton to help!)
5. Procedural vs substantive democracy
6. Political participation---what counts? (PowerPoint)
7. Significant cleavages-
8. Comparison of voting rates- (Wilton help!)
9. Unitary or federal
10. Presidential or parliamentarian-
11. Media-
12. Electoral system- how does it work, who/what can they vote on
13. Current events- why has Russia been in the news in the past 5 or so years?

Free Response:

Describe transparency in Russia. Give two examples.

Describe two current events and discuss whether they are a source or doubt on legitimacy in Russia

Procedural vs substantive democracy. Categorize Russia.