Key Terms

Holy Alliance
Decembrist rising
Crimean War
emancipation of the serfs
Zemstvoes
Trans-Siberian railroad
intelligentsia
anarchists
Russo-Japanese War
Lenin
Bolsheviks
Russian Revolution of 1905
duma
Stolypin reform
kulaks
Terakoya
Dutch studies
Mathew Perry
Meiji Restoration
Diet
zaibatsu
Sino-Japanese War
yellow peril

Chapter Summary

Russia and Japan defied the pattern of 19th century European domination. By 1914 they launched significant industrialization and accomplished other changes that preserved their independence. Both achieved economic autonomy and were able to join in the imperialist scramble. They were the only non-western societies to begin wholesale industrialization process before the mid 20th century.

Chapter Questions

1. Explain Russian industrialization. How did Russian industrialization push Russia towards revolution?
3. Compare Japan and Russia during the process of industrialization.
4. Examine the social and economic changes that occurred in Japan as a result of Industrialization. What groups in society experience these changes and which groups did not?

Reading Sections

27.1 Intro and Russia’s Reforms and Industrial Advance, pp. 626-633
27.2 Protest and Revolution in Russia, pp. 633-636
27.3 Japan: Transformation Without Revolution, pp. 636-644

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