

Russia and Industrialization



Why did it take longer for Russia to industrialize?

- Resisted what they saw as westernization.
(Impact of Napoleon)
- Large poor farming class – they liked their old methods.
 - Lack of capital
 - Desire to keep things how they were
- Opposition to monarch suppressed (no revolution to bring about change)

How was Russian industrialization DIFFERENT from British or Japanese industrialization?

- They had serfs – they were freed but no middle class emerged.
 - No real push to industrialize.
- Ended up using foreign money to industrialize.
 - Limited education

What did government do to encourage industrialization?

- Protected Russian goods (tariffs)
 - Financed railroads
- Opened Siberia to development

Why do you think, as of 1905, Russia was an unstable country?

- Remained a traditional peasant society – limited education, no capitalist tendencies
- Half of industry was foreign owned

