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Europe and Asia.

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4. What is the name of the largest tiger in the world?

The largest tiger in the world is the Siberian tiger.

5. Why do you think the leaders of the USSR, USA and UK worked together to end the war?

Pupil's own responses, such as: I think that the leaders of those countries worked together so that they could defeat the Germans quickly by working together as a team and attacking Germany from different parts of the world.

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freely-elected

7. Explain why Russia is a culturally rich country? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Pupil's own response, such as: Russia is a culturally rich country because many of the world's best and most famous artists, authors and composers have come from Russia. For example, the composer Rachmaninoff was Russian and he became known as one of the most important composers of the 20th Century.

8. Why did Rachmaninoff visit a hypnotist? Explain your answer fully.

Pupil's own response, such as: Rachmaninoff visited a hypnotist to help him become more confident as a composer because the first symphony that he composed was not successful and so he lost confidence in his ability to write music.

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3. Fill in the missing word.

Russia is home to many _____ animals such as the Asiatic Black Bear, _____
_____ and a small rabbit-like _____ called a pika.

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4. Match the leader with the correct country.

Roosevelt

Stalin

Churchill

The Soviet Union

The United Kingdom

The United States of America

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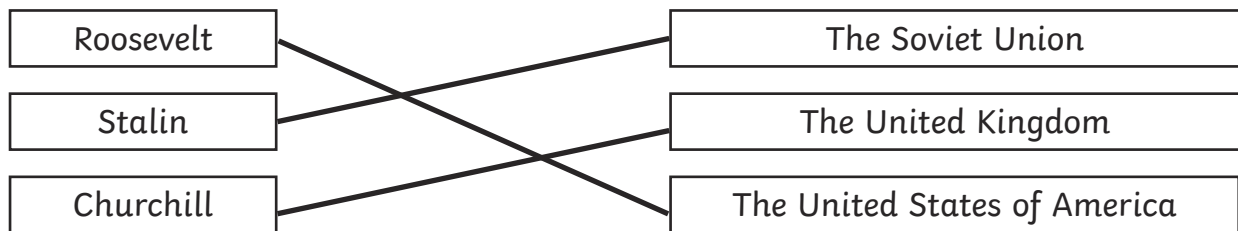
3. Fill in the missing word.

Russia is home to many **rare** animals such as the Asiatic Black Bear, **snow leopards** and a small rabbit-like **mammal** called a pika.

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strained

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Pupil's own responses, such as: I know because it says in the text that Boris Yeltsin was the first freely-elected President of Russia and this is what happens in a democratic country.

7. Why is Russia considered to be 'a country rich in culture and historical significance'? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Pupil's own response, such as: Russia is considered to be a country that is rich in culture and historical significance because many of the world's most famous cultural and historical figures were Russian. For example, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff are two of the most renowned composers of the 20th Century and Tolstoy was a prominent writer who wrote famous books such as War and Peace.

8. Do you think Rachmaninoff's visits to the hypnotist were successful? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Pupil's own response, such as: Yes I think that Rachmaninoff's visits to the hypnotist were successful because before he went, he lacked confidence in his ability as a composer and wrote a symphony that no one liked. However, after visiting the hypnotist, Rachmaninoff went on to compose the famous and popular Piano Concerto in C minor.

9. Explain in your own words why there are 10 million more women than men in Russia today.

Pupil's own responses, such as: There are 10 million more women than men because during the Second World War, Russia lost so many men and so there were fewer fathers, brothers and sons.

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- ☐ the Arctic
- ☐ the Pacific
- ☐ the Indian
- ☐ the Atlantic

2. Why do you think the place where President Vladimir Putin lives is called the Kremlin?

3. Fill in the missing word.

_____ longest river, the _____, is in Russia and is 2293 miles long and its highest mountain is _____ which stands at _____ metres tall.

4. **Find** and **copy** a word which shows that Boris Yeltsin was voted for fairly by the people of Russia.

5. Match the events with the dates that they occurred.

1991

Russia became part of the USSR.

1945

Boris Yeltsin is elected as President of Russia.

1922

The Second World War Ends

6. In what way is Russia still affected by its involvement in the Second World War?

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9. What cultural impact has Russia had on the world? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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Pupil's own responses, such as: It is called The Kremlin because in Russian it means 'fortress' and a President needs to live in a safe place, a bit like a castle.

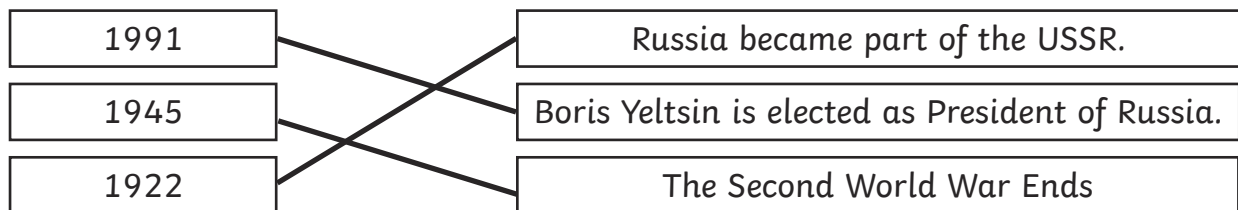
3. Fill in the missing word.

Europe's longest river, the **Volga**, is in Russia and is 2293 miles long and its highest mountain is **Mount Elbrus** which stands at **5642** metres tall.

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democratically

5. Match the events with the dates that they occurred.



6. In what way is Russia still affected by its involvement in the Second World War?

Pupil's own responses, such as: There are 10 million more women than men alive in Russia today and this is because so many Russian men were killed during the Second World War.

7. Why do you think the war between the USA and the USSR was called the Cold War? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Pupil's own responses, such as: I think it was called the Cold War because it says in the text that the relationship between the two countries was fraught and tense. Also, it says that the two countries never actually fought each other so it didn't heat up and end in battles.

8. Why do you think Tchaikovsky's financial supporter never wanted to see him?

Pupil's own response, such as: I think that Tchaikovsky's financial supporter never wanted to see him because she enjoyed his music so much and was such a big fan of his that she worried that if they met, she would be disappointed by him and that it would ruin her love of his music.

9. What cultural impact has Russia had on the world? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Pupil's own response, such as: Russia has had a large cultural impact on the world. It has given the world many famous artists, authors and composers, some of whom are thought of as the most important of the 20th Century. Without Russia, the world would not have famous ballets such as Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker and it would not have famous books such as Tolstoy's War and Peace.

10. What is the name of the world's longest railway?

The Trans-Siberian Railway is the name of the world's longest railway.