Maps of Russia and its satellite states

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THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION is the correct name for Russia, as shown on the map below. In the text box, write out the names of all of the countries that border the Russian Federation today. Using an atlas, identify the two circled areas. What is their relationship with the Russian Federation?



Russia was part of the **Soviet Union** between 1918 and 1991, as shown on the map below. In the text box, write out the names of all of the countries that were part of the Soviet Union.



The Russian Tsars built the **Russian Empire** in the 1700s and 1800s, as shown on the map. In the text box, write the names of places that belonged to the Russian Empire or were under its influence (light green).

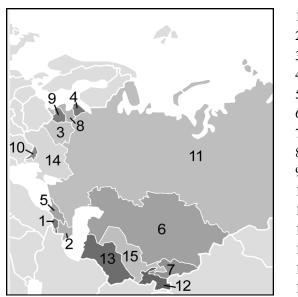


Activity: ex-Soviet states map quiz

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For this exercise, you will also need an **atlas** or **world map**. The outline shapes are **not** drawn to scale.

- Firstly, identify the FIFTEEN ex-Soviet states shown by the map (right).
- Secondly, identify TEN outline shapes (below) which are ex-Soviet states and write their names next to them.
- The remaining FOUR are eastern or southern European states that were NOT part of the Soviet Union in 1991 and which have joined the European Union recently. Can you name them?



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