

Peter the Great Biography - Viewing Guide

1. How did Peter become tsar? Why?
2. How did Russia become “westernized?”
3. How was he a ruthless tyrant?
4. How was Peter “great?”

CAUSATION:

5. What were the reasons for Peter the Great’s westernization? What factors contributed to a specific pattern or trend? What prompted Peter I to act/react the way he did?
6. What resulted from Peter’s westernization? What were the short-term effects? What were the long-term effects?

Analyze the painting of Peter the Great following his victory at the Battle of Poltava. The painting is by Gottfried Danhauer in the eighteenth-century. (also found on page 455 of your text)



To answer the questions below, note symbolism and historical context.

1. Make 2 observations of the action portrayed in the painting.
2. What lens is this painting being portrayed through? How is Peter the Great portrayed in the painting?

A Different Lens: Suppose you are now viewing the Battle of Poltava and Peter the Great through the opposite lens of the painting. How would the painting differ in both content and portrayal of the event?