A. Terms, People, and Places

Fill in the blank in each sentence with the letter of a word, name, or phrase from the box. Not all the terms in the box will be used. Each answer can be used only once.

- a. steppe
- b. Kiev
- c. Cyrillic
- d. Golden Horde
- e. Ivan the Great
- f. tsar
- g. Ivan the Terrible

1. Following the death of _____, Russia was filled with unrest.
2. The Russian language is written in the _____ alphabet.
3. The Mongols who invaded Russia were known as the _____.
4. Ivan III sometimes referred to himself as _____, the Russian word for Caesar.
5. Russia’s _____, or open grassland, offered no barrier to migration.

B. Main Ideas

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank provided.

_____ 6. Russia’s rivers linked early Russians to
   a. Western Europe.       c. China
   b. the Roman empire.     d. the Byzantine empire.

_____ 7. What Russian city was at the center of a vital trade network?
   a. Kiev
   b. Novgorod
   c. Rurik
   d. Byzantium

_____ 8. Which event occurred during the rule of the Mongols in Russia?
   a. Kiev became the spiritual center of the Orthodox Church.
   b. The princes of Moscow gained power and influence.
   c. Ivan the Terrible created the secret police.
   d. Vikings, or Varangians, founded the capital of Novgorod.

_____ 9. How did Mongol rule affect Russia’s relations with Western Europe?
   a. It isolated Russia from European advances in science and art.
   b. It spread Russian learning.
   c. It spread Orthodox Christianity.
   d. It led to war with the West.

_____ 10. What tradition did Ivan the Terrible introduce that shaped Russian history into the twentieth century?
   a. a longing to join Western Europe
   b. conflict with India
   c. extreme absolute power
   d. friendship with Scandinavia