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- ✚ Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
- ✚ Established in 1917 at the time of Russian Revolution after the first world war .
- ✚ Formally established in 1922 because of civil war in Russia, in the leadership of Lenin.
- ✚ A total of 15 countries (Sub National Soviets) formed USSR.
- ✚ A Centralized Economy & Planning was there under 5 year plan
- ✚ One party Rule (No other Party except Communist Party).
- ✚ Causes of Disintegration :-
 - 1.Space Race (Billions spent to compete with USA)
 - 2.First :-1.Satellite(sputnik)
 - 2.Animal (Lyka)
 - 3.Cosmonaut
 - 4.Woman
 - 3.Arms Race –1.Nuclear Arsenal largest in the world
 - 2.Billions spent on Huge Army (Red Army)
- ✚ COLD WAR:-To increase communist influence ,support to Cuba, North Korea, Veitnam ,Laos,China & other communist nations
:-Material & technology spent on there nations cost a lot of money .
- ✚ AFGHAN WAR against MUZZAHIDDIN:-1.1979-1989
 - 2.15,000 soldiers killed.
 - 3.50,000 wounded
 - 4.draining vital resources .
- ✚ Decline in Economy :-1.tight state control over economy & absence of free market economy was draining the USSR's economic strength .
- ✚ USSR had become a totalitarian state under STALIN.
- ✚ Non- Russian ethnic people did not assimilate as had hoped for .
- ✚ MIKHAIL GORBACHEV:
 - 1.General secretary of the communist party of Soviet Union in 1985.
 - 2.To make socialism more efficient &bring out economy out of stagnation he launched 2 policies .
 - (a)glasnost
 - (b)Perestroika
 - (a)GLASNOST : 1.Openess
 - 2.Freedom of speech
 - 3.Easing of media censorship
 - 4.Earlier records declassified
 - (b)PERESTROIKA: 1.Restricting & reformation
 2. Soviet Political & Economic structure
 3. Elections , Foreign Investment ,Privately owned business .

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COLLAPSE OF USSR :

- ✚ Eastern Europe –released policies lead to demands of sovereignty & independence in Eastern and Central Europe & also in the 15th of sub national soviets (Poland, Bulgaria ,Romania etc)
- ✚ 1989-Years of Revolution :
- ✚ 1. from summer of 1989 till 1991 revolutions in Poland ,Hungary ,East Germany ,Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria ,Romania, Yugoslavia
- 2. Nationalist movements to gain independence from USSR influence & communist puppet governments
- 3. Gorbachev did not send army to suppress any of the protests or movements
- 4. Berlin wall fell in November of 1989.
- 5. December 1989 –Bush Sr announces end of cold war.
- ✚ Similar Revolution in 1989 at Tianenmen Square in Beijing, China.
- ✚ 1989 is the year of Revolution against communist governments.
- ✚ DOMINO EFFECT theory was a hit then .
- ✚ Starting from 1987 these soviet declared sovereignty or independence :
 1. Estonia
 2. Latvia
 3. Lithuania
- ✚ Throughout 1990 & 1991 one by one all the 15 sub-National Soviets became independent.
- ✚ August Coup :-
 1. On 19th Aug, 1991, a group of senior party leaders attempted a coup d'état by placed Gorbachev under House arrest and demanding the restoration of USSR.
 2. Failed as the people in cities rose against it and the majority of Red Army refused to support the coup leaders
- ✚ BORIS YELSTIN:-
 1. Leader of Moscow unit of Communist Party
 2. Advocate for independent Russia
 3. Leader of Public in the Coup
 4. Became the first elected president of Russia in July 1991.
- ✚ After the Failed coup
 1. Break up process accelerated
 - 8th December 1991, the President of Russia , Ukraine and Belarus signed the Belavezha Accords ,which dissolved the USSR and established the Commonwealth of Independent states (CIS) in its place.
 2. Alma ata Declaration on 21st December.
 3. Gorbachev resign as President of USSR on 25th Dec.
 4. Supreme soviet dissolves the union on 26th Dec.

AFTERMATH :-

- ✚ Severe economic contraction & catastrophic fall in living standards in post-Soviet states .
- ✚ Increase in poverty, crime ,corruption , unemployment ,disease & income ,inequality
- ✚ Decrease in life expectancy, adult literacy & income.
- ✚ Commonwealth of Independent states (CIS):

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1. 8th December under Belavezha Accords.
2. 21st December ; Alma ata protocol
3. Most (9+2) of the former soviet republic joined to form the CIS on 21st December .1991 on the signing of Alma ata protocol.
4. Baltic states ; Gerogia are not part of it.

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