**Chapter 15: Russia**

**Section 1 Vocabulary**

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| **New Word**  | **Definition** |
| Eurasia | a term used to refer to a single continent made up of Europe and Asia |
| Ural Mountains | a north-south mountain range that forms the border between European and Asian Russia |
| Caspian Sea | a large body of water bordering Russia to the south |
| Volga River | the longest river in Europe, flowing through European Russia |
| Siberia | a huge region in Asian Russia |
| tundra | a treeless plain around the Arctic Ocean; in Russia, located in the far north  |
| taiga | a vast forest in Russia that lies south of the tundra |
| steppe | a grassy plain; in Russia, this area lies south of the taiga |
| permafrost | ground that is frozen throughout the year |